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Man charged with murder, arson

Police say Navy technician confessed to killing wife, set fire to home in an attempt to kill son

By Mike Mavredakis and Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A 23-year-old Navy technician is charged with murder and arson after he reportedly confessed to

killing his wife with a hammer and setting fires throughout their home in an attempt to kill their 13-month-old son late Wednesday night. Police and fire officials arrived at a home on Sherman Street

about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday after reports of a house fire and found George Bryan Dodson II kneeling in the grass covered in blood and soot, according to an incident report from the New London Police Department filed in court on Thursday. Dodson was silent at first but eventually, when first responders asked him what happened, he

replied: “I did this, I killed her,” according to court records. Dodson told police that his 23-year-old wife, their son and their dog were inside the blazing house. He allegedly told police that he killed his wife with a hammer and set fire to their house to kill their son “rather than having to use the hammer or knife,” according to the report.

He told police he carried out the crime spree because he was jealous of another relationship his wife was allegedly having. “Jealousy, we opened up our relationship, and she found another man she loved more and I could not stand the thought of it so I killed her,” he allegedly told

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PLAYING IT COOL

Jason, above, and Crystal Siemienkowicz opened their ice cream store in the historic Hilltop Farm in Suffield just over a month ago. It was established in 1913 by George M. Hendee, one of the founders of the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company, one of the nation’s first motorcycle makers. They will have their grand opening celebration July 31. **Connecticut, Page 1**

Biden tests positive for the coronavirus

President will continue working in isolation

By Zeke Miller, Chris Megerian and Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday and is experiencing “very mild symptoms,” the White House said, as new variants of the highly contagious virus challenge the nation’s efforts to get back to normal after two and a half years of pandemic disruptions. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden has begun taking Paxlovid, an antiviral drug designed to reduce the severity of the disease. He was

isolating at the White House and “continuing to carry out all of his duties fully,” she said. Biden’s physician, Dr. Kevin O’Connor, said in a letter that Biden had a runny nose and “fatigue, with an occasional dry cough, which started yesterday evening.” “I really appreciate your inquiries and concerns,” Biden said in a video posted on Twitter. “But I’m doing well, getting a lot of work done.” Biden, 79, is fully vaccinated, after getting two doses of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine shortly before taking office, a first booster

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President Joe Biden speaks by phone Thursday in the White House to Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. ADAM SCHULTZ/THE WHITE HOUSE

FARMINGTON

Neighbors organize opposition to housing

Homeowners try to block proposal OK'd by wetlands panel

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Farmington homeowners near the Bristol border are organizing to block a 25-home subdivision planned along Morea Road, and have begun raising money for a professional engineer to argue their case. The “Save Morea Road” GoFundMe page has raised \$1,270 as of Wednesday, and organizers want to drum up another \$3,730. Carrier Group LLC wants to build one-family houses on part of an 87-acre property that’s largely woodland and marsh. The tract is along Swamp Scott Brook and contains extensive wetlands. “The proposed development will encroach on the wetlands, causing erosion, flooding, contamination, and loss of essential wildlife habitat,” warns the Save Morea Road campaign’s Facebook page. But earlier this month, the inland wetlands commission approved Carrier’s plan. “Although the proposed activities avoid wetlands, construction and disturbance within the 150-foot regulated area are significantly more extensive than is typically found to be acceptable,” the commission acknowledged. “Half of the houses are within the regulated area and the 25-foot buffer to wetlands is narrower than most approved projects.” But the commission noted that Carrier proposed clustering homes in two parts of the land, leaving about 66 acres that it would deed to the town for open space preservation. That would keep more than three-quarters of the entire property undeveloped, including all wetlands on the site as well as upland sections in the Scott Swamp Brook watershed, the commission said. Carrier told the commission it would build two clusters of

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Downtown law firm to slash nearly 40% of its office space

Robinson+Cole to move and downsize, further cementing effect of pandemic on city’s economy

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — One of Hartford’s largest law firms said Wednesday it will downsize its office space in the city by nearly

40% next year as it relocates to a new tower downtown, designing a new office that reflects the realities of a hybrid workplace in the pandemic’s aftermath. Robinson+Cole said it plans to move from 120,000 square feet at

280 Trumbull St., One Commercial Plaza, to less than 75,000 square feet at One State Street, the Hartford Steam Boiler Building. The relocation is slated to take place in September 2023, with the law firm occupying the top floors of One State Street, on Columbus Boulevard. Robinson+Cole was founded in Hartford 177 years ago, and its

office in the city remains the firm’s largest, employing 221, including 113 lawyers. “We’re looking forward to building innovative space that will foster team building, mentorship and collaboration, and will enhance the hybrid work model through state-of-the-art technology,” the firm’s managing partner Rhonda J. Tobin said, in a statement.

Jessica A. Altieri, a spokeswoman for the law firm, said the firm’s employees are encouraged to be in the office two or three days a week. The downsizing is the latest sign of the long lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the workplace. An increasing number of

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Connecticut employers added 1,700 jobs in June

Employers added 1,700 jobs in June to push the unemployment rate down to 4%, the lowest since March 2020 — before the pandemic shut much of the economy. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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shot in September and an additional dose March 30. The president will stop taking his blood thinner and cholesterol medications while receiving Paxlovid.

Jean-Pierre described the president’s symptoms as “very mild” and said Biden had been in contact with White House staff members by phone and would participate in planned meetings “via phone and Zoom from the residence.”

The White House took steps to show the president was busy working despite his diagnosis, with Biden tweeting a picture of himself making calls from the Treaty Room of the White House.

The president spoke by phone to lawmakers in Pennsylvania to apologize for having to cancel his planned trip Thursday to the city of Wilkes-Barre to promote his crime-prevention plans.

O’Connor wrote in his letter about the president’s treatment plan: “I anticipate that he will respond favorably” to Paxlovid “as most maximally protected patients do.”

Jean-Pierre said Biden had tested negative on Tuesday and would stay isolated until he tests negative again.

White House chief of staff Ron Klain said in a letter that “all close contacts of the president” will be informed of Biden’s positive test “per standard protocol.”

“We have said for some time that there was a substantial possibility that the president — like anyone else — could get COVID, and we have prepared for this possibility,” Klain wrote to White House staff. “We are now executing on our plan so that the president can continue to work seamlessly from the Residence.”



Dr. Ashish Kha, the White House coronavirus response coordinator, is joined by Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, as he briefs reporters in Washington on Thursday after President Joe Biden tested positive for COVID-19. T.J. KIRKPATRICK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

First lady Jill Biden, speaking to reporters as she arrived for a school visit in Detroit, said she tested negative earlier in the day. She was expected to keep her full schedule in Michigan and Georgia on Thursday, while following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on masking and distancing, said Michael LaRosa, her spokesperson.

The president spent much of last week in Israel and Saudi Arabia. White House officials told reporters that Biden planned to minimize contact during the trip, yet

as soon as he exited Air Force One on July 13, the president was fist-bumping, handshaking and even was seen in the occasional hug. The CDC says symptoms can appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Biden has had a minimal public schedule since returning from Saudi Arabia late on Saturday night, attending church the next day and helping to welcome Ukraine’s first lady, Olena Zelenska, to the White House on Tuesday. The president traveled to Massachusetts on Wednesday to promote efforts to combat climate change.

Dr. Graham Snyder, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Pittsburgh, said it wasn’t surprising that Biden tested positive given the extent of his activities and interactions. He said Biden appears to be pursuing a treatment that should enable him to recover without facing even worse health risks.

“He’s put himself in a place to have the best possible outcome, which is the lowest probability of being sick enough to get in the hospital or heaven forbid in intensive care or dying,”

Snyder said.

Until now, Biden’s ability to avoid the virus seemed to defy the odds, even with the testing procedures in place for those expected to be in close contact with him.

Prior waves of the virus swept through Washington’s political class, infecting Vice President Kamala Harris, Cabinet members, White House staffers and lawmakers.

Biden has increasingly stepped up his travel schedule and resumed holding large indoor events where not everyone is tested.

A White House official

said Harris tested negative for COVID-19. She was last with the president on Tuesday and spoke with him on the phone Thursday morning. Harris planned to remain masked on the guidance of the White House medical team.

Top White House officials in recent months have been matter-of-fact about the likelihood of the president getting COVID-19, a measure of how ingrained the virus has become in society — and of its diminished threat for those who are up to date on vaccinations and with access to treatments.

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5 1 0 WB: 1

PLAY4 NIGHT

1 9 0 9 WB: 7

CASH 5

6 12 20 22 27

LUCKY FOR LIFE

6 36 38 46 47 LB: 10

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Office

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corporate offices are taking a close look at how much space is needed and how it will be used in the future. Last month, The Hartford Financial Services Group said it would consolidate hundreds of employ-

ees from its Windsor office to downtown Hartford later this year. The property-casualty giant said it no longer needed as much space with many employees splitting time between home and office. The decision was part of an on-going review of office space by the insurer. Office downsizings in

downtown Hartford may mean a significant shift for the economics of the city. With fewer workers in the office five-days-a-week, some of the office space may be converted for housing. However, the city is focusing on defining Hartford as a center for 21st century innovation, striving for a more sustainable mix of larger

employers and start-ups. David Griggs, chief executive of the MetroHartford Alliance, the region's chamber of commerce, could not immediately be reached Wednesday. But Griggs told the Courant last month cities across the country are seeing employers reassess their need for office space and he expected Hartford

would see more. Robinson+Cole said it had considered remaining at 280 Trumbull, where it has leased office space for four decades. But Altieri said the employee amenities at One State Street were a major factor in the decision to move. The law firm said One State Street will offer

enhanced employee amenities to make coming to office attractive. Those include a full-service cafeteria, restaurant, on-site fitness center and daycare center and ample parking, the firm said. Kenneth R. Gosselin can be reached at kgosselin@courant.com

Murder

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police who asked him why he killed his wife, according to court records. Police found Dodson's wife, who has not yet been identified, laying on the living room floor with "significant trauma to her head" and fire-related injuries on her upper torso. They carried her out of the fire and onto the front porch and then rushed her to Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, according to court records. A hammer was found on a counter near the kitchen sink, records show. Investigators found that multiple fires had been intentionally set throughout the house, one on the couch in the living room, one on a chair in an upstairs bedroom and one at the center of the bed in another upstairs bedroom. Dodson admitted to starting the fires, records show. The couple's son was found "conscious but lethargic" in an upstairs bedroom and was rushed to L+M Hospital with injuries related to the fire, police said. He was later transferred to Yale New Haven Hospital and was in stable condition as of Thursday afternoon, police said. Dodson was also taken to Lawrence + Memorial Hospital for injuries that were not life-threatening. He had a cut on his neck that he eventually told police was self-inflicted. Multiple knives were found in the kitchen near the hammer, according to the police report. Dodson, an active duty member of the Navy, is facing a slew of charges connected to his wife's death, his baby's injuries and the fire, including murder, arson, conspiracy to commit murder and child endangerment, according to officials. According to the Navy, Dodson has been stationed on the USS Newport News, which is home-ported at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, since June 3, 2019. He is a second-class petty officer who serves as an electronics technician and has been enlisted in the Navy since 2017, according to Lt. Seth Koenig, spokesperson for the Submarine Readiness Squadron 32. The neighborhood was



A New London neighborhood was blocked off for blocks in either direction as police, K-9 units and forensic examiners investigated the scene of the fire and crimes on Sherman Street. TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT

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closed off for blocks in either direction on Thursday as police, K-9 units and forensic examiners investigated the scene of the fire and crimes. Mark Battista said he helped a woman who lived in that house shovel their sidewalk in January 2021 and knew that a woman lived in the home with her husband, who was in the Navy, and their young son. He shared messages between him and the woman, whose last name was Dodson, with the Courant. She told Battista

that the family had recently moved to the area after being relocated by the U.S. Navy. Koenig said that prior to being stationed in Groton, Dodson was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. Battista said that in the winter of 2021, the woman posted in a Neighbors of New London County Facebook group and said she needed help shoveling. She wrote that she was pregnant and her husband was actively deployed at the time. Battista volunteered

to help shovel and talked to the woman about her husband. She told him he was a nuclear submarine operator for the Navy. Battista said the expectant mother was excited about their family and their new home. "She never had a bad word to say about him and was just excited about her new addition and her new house that they bought," Battista said in an email exchange with the Courant. "Overall she seemed like a happy, nice person who was in love with being a Navy

wife and a mom." Battista talked to the woman again in July 2021 when there was a leak in the ceiling of her home. Battista asked her to type up a message explaining her situation so that he could send it out to people he knew and helped her put out another message looking for someone to fix it. He also shared those messages with the Courant. In them, Dodson wrote that she and her husband had bought the house in September and found out they were having a baby 10 days later. She wrote that her husband had missed out on a large chunk of their son's life while away at sea. He was only home a couple of nights a week and the rest he was working on the boat. Then while he was away, the leak started in their kitchen and mold had begun to grow in the ceiling and she was worried about her son's health. She had received some advice from handymen on how to fix it, but they all refused to do the work despite charging her for the time. He said he would try to help her find someone to do it free of charge or at as little cost as possible. In the messages, Dodson also told Battista that she and her husband had two dogs. Dodson was also charged with cruelty to animals stemming from the Wednesday night fire. He was being held on a \$3 million bond and appeared in court in New London on Thursday. The investigation is ongoing, police said. New London police personnel responded to investigate the incident along with the Connecticut Major Crime Unit, the New London State's Attorney Office, the New London Fire Marshal's Office, and the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Office.

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houses: One on the eastern end of its long property fronting Morea Road, and the other on the western end. To the north, a large block of land east of the Snowberry Lane subdivision would be given to the town. Most of the homes would be in the western cluster. Carrier plans a short street off Morea Road that would split into two cul de sacs, both lined by houses. Carrier presented plans for erosion control and wildlife management at the commission's May 18 hearing, but many residents still had doubts. Shridhar Prabhu, a Snowberry Lane homeowner, said he was particularly concerned about animal

species living on the site. "As a community that's neighboring this wetlands, we are very conscious of several wildlife habitats," Prabhu said. He praised Carrier and its consultants for listing steps they'd take to prevent wetlands damage and to protect wildlife during construction, but said he still thought the commission should have more specific

information about wetlands conservation. Tom Daly, an engineer with SLR Consulting, emphasized that Carrier's plan doesn't include disturbing any wetlands. When questioned about how much of the 87-acre property would be cleared of trees and shrubs Daly replied that it would be no more than 15 to 20 acres. Tall Timbers Drive resi-

dent Dan Cabree expressed concern that destroying wildlife habitats will send animals onto neighbors' properties. "There are a lot of things out there other than frogs and salamanders. There are bears and bobcats and things like that, and they're going to have to go somewhere," Cabree said. Numerous residents complained of periodic

flooding on and around Morea Road. Two Apache Run and Cobble Court homeowners questioned whether their basements or decks would be at risk of greater flooding, but Daly noted that their properties are at higher elevations than the development site. The project still must go through the planning and zoning commission for approval.

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Panel probes White House amid riot

Hearing focuses on the 187 minutes of inaction by Trump

By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick and Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Jan. 6 committee aimed to show in what could be its final hearing Thursday night that former President Donald Trump's lies about a stolen election fueled the grisly U.S. Capitol attack, which he did nothing to stop but instead “gleefully” watched on television at the White House.

The prime-time hearing explored the 187 minutes that Trump failed to act on Jan. 6, 2021, despite pleas from aides, allies and even his family.

The panel is arguing that the defeated president's attempts to overturn Joe Biden's election victory have left the United States facing enduring questions about the resiliency of its democracy.

“A profound moment of reckoning for America,” said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., a member of the committee, before the hearing.

With live testimony from two former White House aides, and excerpts from over 1,000 interviews conducted by the committee, Thursday night's session was expected to add a closing chapter to the past six weeks of hearings that at times have captivated the nation and provided a record for history.

Ahead of the hearing, the committee released a video of four former White House aides — press secretary Kayleigh McEnany, secu-



Staffers prepare Thursday for the prime-time hearing of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The hearing focused on former President Trump's inaction as the riot unfolded. **PETE MAROVICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

rity aide Gen. Keith Kellogg, White House Counsel Pat Cipollone and executive assistant to the president Molly Michael — testifying that Trump was in the private dining room with the TV on as the violence unfolded.

“Everyone was watching television,” Kellogg said.

Returning to prime time for the first time since the series of hearings began June 9, the panel sought to explain just how close the United States came to what one retired federal judge testifying this summer called a constitutional crisis.

The events of Jan. 6 will be outlined “minute by

minute,” said the panel's vice chair, Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo.

“You will hear that Donald Trump never picked up the phone that day to order his administration to help,” Cheney said.

“He did not call the military. His secretary of defense received no order. He did not call his attorney general. He did not talk to the Department of Homeland Security,” Cheney said. “(Vice President) Mike Pence did all of those things; Donald Trump did not.”

The hearing broadcast never-before-seen outtakes of a Jan. 7, 2021, video that White House aides pleaded

for Trump to make as a message of national healing for the country. The footage was to show how Trump struggled to condemn the mob of his supporters who violently breached the Capitol, according to a person familiar with the matter and granted anonymity to discuss it ahead of its public release.

Former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson has testified that Trump wanted to include language about pardoning the rioters in the speech, but White House lawyers advised against it. Trump reluctantly condemned the riot in a three-minute speech

that night.

Testifying Thursday were two former White House aides. Matt Pottinger, who was deputy national security adviser, and Sarah Matthews, then press aide, both submitted their resignations on Jan. 6, 2021, after what they saw that day. Trump has dismissed the hearings on social media and regarded much of the testimony as fake.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the chairman of the committee, is isolating after testing positive for COVID-19 and attended by video. Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., a former Naval officer led the session with Rep. Adam

Kinzinger, R-Ill., who flew combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“These are people who believed in the work they were doing, but didn't believe in the stolen election,” Luria said of testimony from the White House aides.

The aides were not alone in quitting that day. The panel was expected to provide a tally of the Trump administration aides and Cabinet members who resigned after Trump failed to call off the attack.

As the panel continues to collect evidence and prepares to issue a preliminary report of findings, it has amassed the most substantial public record to date of what led up to Americans attacking the seat of democracy.

While the committee cannot make criminal charges, the Justice Department is monitoring its work.

What remains uncertain is whether Trump or the former president's top allies will face serious charges. No former president has ever been federally prosecuted by the Justice Department.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday that Jan. 6 is “the most wide-ranging investigation and the most important investigation that the Justice Department has ever entered into.”

“We have to get this right,” Garland said. “For people who are concerned, as I think every American should be, we have to do two things: We have to hold accountable every person who is criminally responsible for trying to overturn a legitimate election, and we must do it in a way filled with integrity and professionalism.”

House measure to protect contraception is approved

Democrats say bill needed to counter conservative court

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The right to use contraceptives would be enshrined in law under a measure that Democrats pushed through the House on Thursday, their latest campaign-season response to concerns a conservative Supreme Court that already erased federal abortion rights could go further.

The House's 228-195 roll call was largely along party lines and sent the measure to the Senate, where it seemed doomed. The bill is the latest example of Democrats latching onto their own version of culture war battles to appeal to female, progressive and minority voters by casting the court and Republicans as extremists intent on obliterating rights taken for granted for years.

Democrats said that with the high court recently overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision from 1973, the justices and GOP lawmakers are on track to go even further than banning abortions.

“This extremism is about

one thing: control of women. We will not let this happen,” said Rep. Kathy Manning, D-N.C., who sponsored the legislation. All of the bill's nearly 150 co-sponsors are Democrats. Addressing fellow lawmakers, she added, “Women and girls across this country are watching you, and they want to know: Are you willing to stand up for them?”

In his opinion overturning Roe last month, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that the court should review other precedents. He mentioned rulings that affirmed the rights of same-sex marriage in 2015, same-sex intimate relationships in 2003 and married couples' use of contraceptives in 1965.

Thomas did not specify a 1972 decision that legalized the use of contraceptives by unmarried people as well, but Democrats say they consider that at risk as well.

Republicans said the bill went too far. They said it would lead to more abortions, which supporters deny, allow the use of drugs not yet fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration and force health care providers to offer contraceptives, even if that contradicted their religious beliefs.

“Women deserve the truth, not more fear and

misinformation that forces an extreme agenda on the American people,” said Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash.

Every Democrat supported the legislation, while Republicans overwhelmingly opposed it, 195-8. The House Democrats' campaign committee quickly jumped on that disparity, with spokesperson Helen Kalla saying her party will “fight to protect women's freedoms from the GOP's sinister agenda.”

The measure seemed destined to become a campaign issue and not law. Minutes after House passage, Republicans blocked quick Senate approval of a similar bill. Support by at least 10 GOP senators would be needed to reach 60 votes, the threshold required for most legislation to pass in that chamber, which is divided 50-50.

The contraception bill explicitly allows the use of contraceptives and gives the medical community the right to provide them, covering “any device or medication used to prevent pregnancy.” Listed examples include oral contraceptives, injections, implants like intrauterine devices and emergency contraceptives, which prevent pregnancy



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, flanked by Reps. Kathy Manning, left, and Lauren Underwood, speaks before the vote Thursday on the Right to Contraception Act. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

several days after unprotected sex.

The bill lets the federal and state governments, patients and health care providers bring civil suits against states or state officials that violate its provisions.

House Democrats have begun forcing votes on issues related to privacy rights, hoping for long-shot victories or to at least energize sympathetic voters and donors and force Republicans from competitive districts into difficult spots.

The House voted last

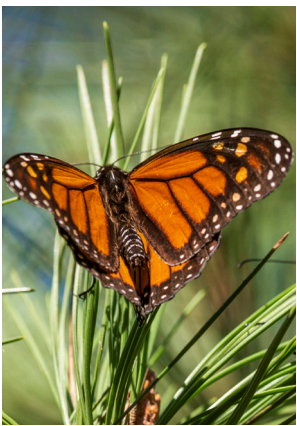
week to revive a nationwide right to abortion, with every Republican voting no, and voted largely along party lines to bar prosecuting women traveling to states where abortion remains legal. Neither is expected to survive in the Senate.

Yet the House voted Tuesday to keep same-sex marriage legal, with 47 Republicans joining all Democrats in backing the measure. Though 157 Republicans voted no, that tally raised expectations that the bill could win enough support for GOP senators to

pass, sending it to President Joe Biden for his signature.

Nearly all adults, 92%, called birth control “morally acceptable” in a Gallup poll in May.

Even so, anti-abortion groups and Republican leaders oppose the contraception legislation, and there was no sign that significant numbers of GOP senators would be willing to defy them. In contrast, same-sex marriage has such firm public acceptance that growing numbers of Republicans have been willing to vote for it.



A monarch butterfly rests on a branch at Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove, Calif. **NIC COURY/AP 2021**

Migratory monarch butterflies now listed as endangered

By Christina Larson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The monarch butterfly fluttered a step closer to extinction Thursday, as scientists put the iconic orange-and-black insect on the endangered list because of its fast dwindling numbers.

“It's just a devastating decline,” said Stuart Pimm, an ecologist at Duke University who was not involved in the new listing.

The International Union

for the Conservation of Nature added the migrating monarch butterfly for the first time to its “red list” of threatened species and categorized it as “endangered” — two steps from extinct.

The group estimates that the population of monarch butterflies in North America has declined between 22% and 72% over 10 years, depending on the measurement method.

“What we're worried about is the rate of decline,” said Nick Haddad, a conser-

vation biologist at Michigan State University. “It's very easy to imagine how very quickly this butterfly could become even more imperiled.”

In North America, millions of monarch butterflies undertake the longest migration of any insect species known to science.

After wintering in central Mexico, the butterflies migrate to the north, breeding multiple generations along the way for thousands of miles. The offspring that

reach southern Canada then begin the trip back to Mexico at the end of summer.

A smaller group spends winters in coastal California, then disperses in spring and summer across several states west of the Rocky Mountains. This population has seen an even more precipitous decline than the eastern monarchs, although there was a small bounce back last winter.

Emma Pelton of the non-profit Xerces Society, which monitors the western but-

terflies, said the butterflies are imperiled by loss of habitat and increased use of herbicides and pesticides for agriculture, as well as climate change.

“There are things people can do to help,” she said, including planting milkweed, a plant that the caterpillars depend upon.

The United States has not listed monarch butterflies under the Endangered Species Act, but several environmental groups believe it should be listed.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Ex-cop sentenced for violating Floyd’s civil rights in his killing

From news services

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A federal judge sentenced former Minneapolis police Officer Thomas Lane to 2½ years in prison Thursday for violating George Floyd’s civil rights, calling Lane’s role in the restraint that killed Floyd “a very serious offense in which a life was lost” but handing down a sentence well below what prosecutors and Floyd’s family sought.

Judge Paul Magnuson’s sentence was just slightly more than the 27 months Lane’s attorney had requested, while prosecutors had asked for at least 5¼ years in prison — the low end of federal guidelines.

Lane was convicted this year of depriving Floyd of his right to medical care.

Lane, who is white, held Floyd’s legs as Officer Derek Chauvin pinned Floyd’s neck with his knee for nearly 9½ minutes on May 25, 2020. Bystander video of Floyd, who was Black, pleading that he could not breathe sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the world in a reckoning over racial injustice over policing.

Floyd family members had asked Magnuson to give Lane the stiffest sentence possible, with brother Philonise Floyd rejecting the idea that Lane deserved any mercy for asking his colleagues twice if George Floyd should be shifted from his stomach to his side.

“Officer Lane did not intervene in one way or another,” he said.

Prosecutor Manda Sertich had also argued for a higher sentence, saying that Lane “chose not to act” when he could have saved a life.

Magnuson told Lane the “fact that you did not get up and remove Mr. Chauvin when Mr. Floyd became unconscious is a violation

of the law.” But he also held up 145 letters backing Lane, saying he’d never received so many on a defendant’s behalf.

Lane testified at trial that he didn’t realize how dire Floyd’s condition was until paramedics turned him over.

Chauvin pleaded guilty in December to a federal civil rights charge in Floyd’s killing and to another civil rights charge in an unrelated case involving a Black teenager. That resulted in a 21-year sentence from Magnuson.

Chauvin was also convicted of second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in state court and is serving a 22½-year state sentence. Both sentences are being served simultaneously.

Supreme Court: The Supreme Court won’t allow the Biden administration to implement a policy that prioritizes deportation of people in the country illegally who pose the greatest public safety risk.

The court’s order Thursday leaves the policy frozen.

The vote was 5-4 with conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett joining liberal Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson in saying they would have allowed the Biden administration to put in place the guidance.

The court also announced it would hear arguments in the case, saying they would be in late November.

The justices were acting on the administration’s emergency request to the court following conflicting decisions by federal appeals courts over a September directive from the Homeland Security Department that paused deportation unless individuals had committed acts of terrorism, espionage or “egregious threats to public safety.”



Visitors write notes to mourn the death of the oldest male giant panda in captivity Thursday at a theme park in Hong Kong. An An, who had been in deteriorating health, was 35 years old or 105 in human years, the park said. An An and a female panda, Jia Jia, were gifted to Hong Kong by China in 1999. Jia Jia was the oldest panda in captivity when she died in 2016 at 38. KIN CHEUNG/AP

Migrant deaths: Two men were indicted Wednesday in the case of a hot, airless semi-trailer found last month with 53 dead or dying migrants in San Antonio, officials said.

A federal grand jury in San Antonio indicted Homero Zamorano Jr., 46, and Christian Martinez, 28, both of Pasadena, Texas, on counts of transporting and conspiring to transport migrants illegally resulting in death; and transporting and conspiring to transport migrants illegally resulting in serious injury.

Both are in federal custody without bond. Conviction on the death counts could result in life sentences, but the Attorney General’s office could allow prosecutors to seek death penalties.

Italy politics: Italy is headed for an early election after its president accepted Premier Mario Draghi’s resignation Thursday.

The demise of Draghi’s coalition in the eurozone’s third-largest economy and

the uncertainty of what Italian voters will decide at the polls have dealt a destabilizing blow to the country and Europe amid rising inflation and Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Dissolving Parliament “is always the last choice to make, especially if, as in this moment, there are important tasks to carry to completion,” President Sergio Mattarella said. Mattarella’s office said the election will be held Sept. 25.

US polio case: An unvaccinated young adult from New York recently contracted polio, the first U.S. case in nearly a decade, health officials said Thursday. Officials said the patient, who lives in Rockland County, had developed paralysis. The person developed symptoms a month ago and did not recently travel outside the country, county health officials said.

It appears the patient had a vaccine-derived strain of the virus, perhaps from someone

who got live vaccine — available in other countries, but not the U.S. — and spread it, officials said.

The person is no longer contagious, but investigators are trying to figure out how the infection occurred and if others were exposed.

India president: A woman who hails from a minority ethnic community was chosen Thursday as India’s new president, a largely ceremonial position. Droupadi Murmu, a leader from India’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, was elected by the Indian Parliament and state legislatures in voting held Monday, making her the first president from one of the country’s tribes and the second woman to hold the position. She will be formally sworn in Monday.

Murmu, 64, was governor of Jharkhand state from 2015-2021, is a member of the Santal ethnic minority, one of India’s largest tribal groups. She was a teacher before entering politics.

La. abortion ban ruling: Abortion clinics in Louisiana can continue operating while a lawsuit challenging the state’s near total ban on abortions is resolved, a state judge ruled Thursday.

The preliminary injunction issued by Judge Donald Johnson in Baton Rouge is the latest development amid court challenges to state trigger laws crafted in anticipation of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established abortion rights.

A statewide abortion ban has taken effect twice and been blocked twice since the Supreme Court’s June 24 ruling.

Johnson’s new ruling allows clinics to continue providing abortion procedures while a lawsuit filed by a north Louisiana abortion clinic and others continues. The order gives attorneys on both sides 30 days to develop plans for a trial on whether the law should be permanently blocked.

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Miscarriage care gets complicated

Some doctors wary of running afoul of new abortion laws

By Pam Belluck
The New York Times

Last year, a 35-year-old woman named Amanda, who lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, had a miscarriage in the first trimester of her pregnancy. At a large hospital, a doctor performed a surgical procedure often used as a safe and quick method to remove tissue from a failed pregnancy.

She awoke from anesthesia to find a card signed by the nurses and a little pink and blue bracelet with a butterfly charm, a gift from the hospital to express compassion for her loss. “It was so sweet because it’s such a hard thing to go through,” Amanda said.

Eight months later, in January, Amanda, who asked to be identified by her first name to protect her privacy, experienced another first-trimester miscarriage. She said she went to the same hospital, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, doubled over in pain and screaming as she passed a large blood clot.

But when she requested the same surgical evacuation procedure, called dilation and curettage, or D&C, she said the hospital told her no.

A D&C is the same procedure used for some abortions. In September 2021, in between Amanda’s miscarriages, Texas implemented a law banning almost all abortions after six weeks into pregnancy.

Following the June 24 reversal of Roe v. Wade, numerous states are enacting bans or sharp restrictions on abortion. While the laws are technically intended to apply only to abortions, some patients have reported hurdles receiving standard surgical procedures or medication for the loss of desired pregnancies.



Amanda, in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas, was denied surgery for a miscarriage. **NANCY NEWBERRY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Amanda said the hospital didn’t mention the abortion law, but sent her home with instructions to return only if she was bleeding so excessively that her blood filled a diaper more than once an hour. Hospital records that Amanda shared with The New York Times noted that her embryo had no cardiac activity during that visit and on an ultrasound a week earlier. “She reports having a lot of pain” and “she appears distressed,” the records said.

“This appears to be miscarriage in process,” the records noted, but suggested waiting to confirm and advised a follow-up in seven days.

Once home, Amanda said, she sat on the toilet digging “fingernail marks in my wall” from the pain. She then moved to the bathtub, where her husband held her hand as they both cried. “The bathtub water is just dark red,” Amanda recalled. “For 48

hours, it was like a constant heavy bleed and big clots.”

She added, “It was so different from my first experience where they were so nice and so comforting, to now just feeling alone and terrified.”

The hospital declined to discuss whether Texas’ abortion laws have had any impact on its medical care. In a statement, the hospital said, “our multidisciplinary team of clinicians works together to determine the appropriate treatment plan on an individual case-by-case basis. The health and safety of our patients is our top priority.”

John Seago, president of Texas Right to Life, said he considers any obstacles miscarriage patients encounter to be “very serious situations.” He blamed such problems on “a breakdown in communication of the law, not the law itself,” adding “I have seen reports

of doctors being confused, but that is a failure of our medical associations” to provide clear guidance.

The uncertain climate has led some doctors and hospitals to worry about being accused of facilitating an abortion, a fear that has also caused some pharmacists to deny or delay filling prescriptions for medication to complete miscarriages, providers and patients say.

Delays in expelling tissue from a pregnancy that is no longer viable can lead to hemorrhaging, infections, and sometimes life-threatening sepsis, obstetricians say.

“In this post-Roe world, women with miscarriages may die,” said Dr. Monica Saxena, an emergency medicine physician at Stanford Hospital.

Medical experts define miscarriage as a pregnancy that ends naturally before 20 weeks’ gestation. Medi-

cal terminology often calls miscarriage “spontaneous abortion,” a designation that can increase patients’ or providers’ concerns about being targeted under bans. In medical records, Amanda’s second miscarriage was also labeled “threatened abortion: established and worsening.”

In typical early miscarriages, when cardiac activity has stopped, patients should be offered three options to expel tissue, said Dr. Sarah Prager, an obstetrics and gynecology professor at the University of Washington’s School of Medicine.

D&C is recommended when patients are bleeding heavily, are anemic, have blood-clotting issues or certain conditions that make them medically fragile, Prager said. Some other patients also choose D&C’s, considering them emotionally easier than a lingering process at home.

Another option is medi-

cation — usually mifepristone, which weakens the membrane lining the uterus and softens the cervix, followed by misoprostol, which causes contractions. These same pills are used for medication abortion.

The third option is “expectant management”: waiting for tissue to pass on its own, which can take weeks. It is unsuccessful for 20% of patients, who then need surgery or medication, said Prager, who co-authored miscarriage management guidelines for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

When possible, patients should be allowed to choose the method because lack of choice compounds the trauma of losing a wanted pregnancy, doctors and patients said.

A study from two Dallas hospitals reported on 28 patients whose water broke or who had other serious complications before 22 weeks’ gestation, and who, because of Texas laws, didn’t receive medical intervention until there was an “immediate threat” to their lives or fetal cardiac activity stopped.

On average, the patients waited nine days, and 57% ended up with serious infections, bleeding or other medical problems, the report said. Another article, in the New England Journal of Medicine, said similar patients returned with signs of sepsis after doctors or hospitals decided Texas’ abortion law prevented them from intervening earlier.

In such cases, Seago of Texas Right to Life said abortion bans might require delaying intervention.

Some women who have miscarried and are at risk of future losses say they are considering moving from states that ban abortion or are rethinking life plans.

“We are not going to try and conceive anymore,” Amanda said. “We don’t feel like it’s safe in Texas to continue to try.”



Firefighters work the scene of a market damaged by shelling Thursday in Bakhmut, Ukraine. Russia pounded several Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv. **IGOR TKACHEV/GETTY-AFP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia attacks several cities after expansion of war aims

By Mstyslav Chernov
Associated Press

KHARKIV, Ukraine — Russian shelling pounded a densely populated area in Ukraine’s second-largest city Thursday, killing at least three people and injuring at least 23 others with a barrage that struck a mosque, a medical facility and a shopping area, according to officials and witnesses.

Police in the northeast city of Kharkiv said cluster bombs hit Barabashovo Market, where journalists from The Associated Press saw a woman crying over her dead husband’s body.

Local officials said the shelling also struck a bus stop, a gym and a residential building.

The bombardment came after Russia on Wednesday reiterated its plans to seize territories beyond eastern Ukraine, where the Russian military has spent months trying to conquer the Donbas region, south of Kharkiv. It also followed Ukrainian attacks this week on a bridge Russians have used to supply their forces in occupied areas near

Ukraine’s southern Black Sea coast.

Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said the attacks early Thursday targeted one of the most crowded areas of the city, which had a prewar population of about 1.4 million.

“The Russian army is randomly shelling Kharkiv, peaceful residential areas. Civilians are being killed,” Terekhov said.

The cluster bombs claim could not be independently confirmed. AP journalists saw burned-out cars and a bus pierced by shrapnel.

Kharkiv’s regional governor, Oleh Synyehubov, said four people were in grave condition and a child was among those wounded in the shelling. Russian forces also shelled wheat fields, setting them on fire, he said.

Elsewhere, Russian forces shelled the southern city of Mykolaiv overnight as well as the eastern cities of Kramatorsk and Kostiantynivka, where two schools were destroyed, Ukrainian officials said. A man’s body was recovered from the rubble of the school in Kramatorsk, and emergency workers say two

more people were feared trapped there.

The scattered attacks illustrate broader war aims beyond Russia’s previously declared focus on the Donbas region’s Donetsk and Luhansk provinces, which pro-Moscow separatists have partly controlled since 2014.

Ukraine’s military reported Thursday that Russian forces failed to storm the Vuhlehirsk power station in the Donetsk region.

Meanwhile, Turkish officials said a deal on a U.N. plan to unblock exports of Ukrainian grain and to allow Russia to export grain and fertilizers will be signed Friday in Istanbul. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s office said he, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Russian and Ukrainian officials will attend.

Guterres has been working on a plan to enable the export of millions of tons of grain stuck in Ukraine’s Black Sea ports due to the war. The move could ease a global food crisis that has sent wheat and other grain prices soaring.

Bannon declines to testify in contempt of Congress trial

By Ashraf Khalil
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trump ally Steve Bannon declined to testify and his lawyers did not call any witnesses in his contempt of Congress trial on Thursday, instead arguing the judge should just acquit him, saying prosecutors hadn’t proven their case.

The decision to forgo calling any witnesses in Bannon’s defense cleared the way for closing arguments to begin Friday. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols didn’t immediately rule on the motion for an acquittal and the case could end up in the jury’s hands Friday.

One of Bannon’s lawyers, David Schoen, contended they should be able to call Rep. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, the Democratic chairman of the House Jan. 6 committee which had subpoenaed Bannon’s testimony, to question him under oath instead of the congressional lawyer who testified during the trial. The judge has previously ruled against that request.

In court, Bannon nodded and smiled as another of his lawyers, Evan Corcoran, argued that the timing of when Bannon could comply with the subpoena was flexible and said testimony from the House panel’s chief lawyer, Kristin Amerling, had made clear “that the dates were in flux.”

Corcoran said that “no reasonable juror could conclude that Mr. Bannon refused to comply.”

Bannon’s team also told the judge that Bannon saw no point in testifying since the previous rulings had gutted his planned avenues of defense. Schoen said Bannon “understands that he would be barred from telling the true facts.”

Corcoran then rested the defense case.

Throughout the trial Corcoran has tried to establish that the deadline for the



Steve Bannon leaves federal court Thursday in Washington. Lawyers for Bannon, an ally of former President Donald Trump, argued for an acquittal. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

onetime Trump strategist to appear before the House committee investigating the Capitol riot was flexible as long as the two sides were on negotiating terms.

In opening statements Corcoran argued that the charges against Bannon were politically motivated and that the former adviser was engaged in good-faith negotiations with the congressional committee when he was charged. “No one ignored the subpoena,” Corcoran told the jury.

In reality, Corcoran said, one of Bannon’s previous lawyers, Robert Costello, contacted an attorney for the House committee to express some of Bannon’s concerns about testifying.

“They did what two lawyers do. They negotiated,” Corcoran said, adding Bannon and his legal team believed the dates of the subpoena were “flexible.”

Bannon was in an unofficial capacity to Trump at the time of the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, and is charged with defying a congressional subpoena from the House committee investigating the aftermath of the 2020 election and the events leading up to the deadly riot.

Bannon was indicted in November on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress. Each count carries a minimum of 30

days of jail and as long as a year behind bars upon conviction.

The Justice Department rested its case Wednesday after calling just two witnesses: Amerling and FBI special agent Stephen Hart. The prosecution’s case was dominated by testimony from Amerling, who explained the extent to which the committee tried to engage Bannon and the timeline leading up to the missed deadline.

During cross-examination Corcoran asked Amerling whether it was common for witnesses to appear before a congressional committee several weeks after the deadline date on a subpoena. Amerling answered “yes,” but added only “when witnesses are cooperating with the committee.”

Amerling said Bannon was uncooperative from the start, so there was no such leeway.

The committee heard nothing from Bannon until after the first deadline had passed, at which point his lawyer sent a letter to the committee stating that Bannon was protected by Trump’s claim of executive privilege and would not be providing documents or appearing.

The committee responded in writing that Trump’s claim was invalid.

WORLD & NATION

Out of cash, but not out of patience

Sri Lankans rely on ingenuity, donors to stave off anarchy

By Mujib Mashal, Emily Schmall and Skandha Gunasekara The New York Times

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The queues are ubiquitous — and orderly.

To get a little less than 1 ½ gallons of gasoline, auto-rickshaw drivers wait calmly in line for as long as five days. People have been queuing up for cooking gas, milk powder, and meals at soup kitchens, without fights or friction. Each day essential workers, in hospitals, sanitation, post offices and banks, tolerate cramming into buses, one of the only means of transport with an assured supply of fuel.

“Without hanging? It’s 110 people,” bus driver M.P.L.K. Saman, 32, said about the number of passengers he packs in for the 15-mile journey between Colombo and Dompe in the east. “With hanging, 150 people.”

The country is running on patience, even as the political and economic crisis intensifies.

Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa went into hiding after protesters stormed his residence and office last week. He later fled on a military plane.

A fuel shortage, rising global food prices and the shock of erratic climate patterns, compounded by crushing policy mistakes and the coronavirus pandemic, have created a crisis with no easy solution.

“Look no further than Sri Lanka as a warning sign,” said Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund. “Countries with high debt levels and limited policy space will face additional strains.”

But Sri Lanka might be unique in one thing: The rage at the failure and corruption of a ruling elite has



People board a crowded bus Monday in Colombo, Sri Lanka. A fuel shortage is forcing more Sri Lankans to rely on mass transit. ATUL LOKE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

been matched by generosity and ingenuity to prevent complete collapse and anarchy. Hospitals are still functioning. Sanitation trucks still roam the city’s neat streets, even if less often. The three-hour power cuts are announced in detailed schedules a day ahead.

At the peak of the anger this month, thousands stormed the president’s mansion and several other top government buildings. But soon after, Sri Lankans went back to queues, waiting outside the palaces for their turn to get a peek.

The country is increasingly dependent on the goodness of others: donors, lenders — really any person or institution with the funds to help.

To bridge the gap in medical supplies, hospital administrators often put out lists of needed supplies and mobi-

lize donations. At the Lady Ridgeway Hospital, where the country’s sickest children come for heart surgeries, kidney transplants and other complicated procedures, 40% of their essential medicine and surgical equipment comes from donors abroad.

Every week, the hospital posts a list of needed items on its website and a link to its charity account. Dr. G. Wijesuriya, the hospital’s top administrator, said that the hospital had not lost any patients because of the country’s shortages.

“But if the donors were not here, we would have to compromise our services,” he said.

The government itself is scrounging for what it needs. Sumila Wanaguru, an economist at Sri Lanka’s central bank, analyzes cash flow each day to determine

what can be spared.

Tourism and remittances — Sri Lanka’s main sources of foreign currency — have largely evaporated. When the government ran out of money to import the essentials last spring, it tapped the central bank’s reserves, which in recent months have hovered around zero.

Wanaguru, director of the international operations department, and others at the central bank have had to beg and plead for lines of credit, debt deferments and currency swaps to get the hundreds of millions of dollars needed every month to import the bare minimum to keep the country afloat.

Officials have forced exporters to exchange a portion of their profits in foreign currency to the bank. When the World Bank gave the government \$130 million for a cash transfer program to

the country’s poorest, Wanaguru swapped the money for rupees, adding U.S. dollars to the bank’s reserves.

“We are running the country without foreign exchange inflow,” she said.

After rating agencies downgraded Sri Lanka’s debt last spring, some suppliers of diesel and other commodities started demanding upfront payments. The situation has worsened since Sri Lanka defaulted on its debt in May, losing access to capital markets.

Wanaguru must regularly authorize and arrange enormous cash transactions for trade. Import companies meet ships carrying desperately needed fuel at the Port of Colombo with stacks of cash.

“Everybody is looking at the central bank all the time, but it can’t do everything. That is why we have govern-

ment and ministries who must sit together and come up with a national plan,” she said. “Let’s hope they learn a good lesson.”

If there is one business flourishing, it is the bus business — public and private. But that, too, has required constant troubleshooting. Transportation problems have become so commonplace that radio DJs joke about waiting hours for a bus to arrive, or not making it to work when it never comes.

Officials at the Sri Lanka Transport Board said public and private buses ferry about 1.5 million passengers a day in Colombo and its greater suburbs. The transit board has ensured that the government will provide a separate, steady stream of diesel for public and private buses so that transport does not collapse entirely.

Reach of Saudi kingdom extends into US, Canada

Online harassment targets dissidents and their relatives

By Isabel Debre Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — It began with a message that appeared on Danah al-Mayouf’s phone from an anonymous Instagram account — a promise to help her “crush” a \$5 million lawsuit she faced from a pro-government Saudi fashion model.

But, the mystery texter said, she had to meet him in person.

It was December 2019, a year after the killing and dismemberment of prominent U.S.-based Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, and al-Mayouf feared possibly being kidnapped and taken back to the kingdom like others.

“I can’t meet someone I don’t know,” al-Mayouf ultimately responded. “Especially with all the kidnappings and killings.”

Now, she’s glad she didn’t go. Federal prosecutors have arrested the man behind the messages, 42-year-old Ibrahim Alhussayen, on charges of lying to federal officials about using the fake account to harass and threaten Saudi critics — mostly women — living in the U.S. and Canada.

A spokesperson for the FBI declined to comment on the charges. A lawyer for Alhussayen did not respond to multiple requests for comment, nor did the Saudi Embassy in Washington.

A complaint unsealed last month in a New York federal court points to a wider investigation into online harassment campaigns targeting Saudi dissidents in the U.S. and their relatives — part of a trend of transnational

repression that has alarmed American authorities in recent years as various autocratic governments seek to punish critics overseas.

Earlier this year, for instance, the Justice Department revealed a plot by operatives acting on behalf of the Chinese government to stalk, harass and surveil dissidents in the U.S.

The complaint comes as Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman continues to clamp down on opposition, both in the kingdom and abroad, while working to burnish an image as a liberal reformer. The Saudi government has maintained in the past that its critics incite violence, broadly defined, and pose a threat to the kingdom’s security.

Nonetheless, President Joe Biden met — and shared a cordial fist-bump with — the crown prince at a diplomatic summit last week.

The scene drew scathing criticism from fellow Democrats and rights groups after Biden had vowed to treat the kingdom like a “pariah” and deemed Prince Mohammed responsible for Khashoggi’s killing.

From Jeddah, Biden said he raised Khashoggi’s “outrageous” murder with Prince Mohammed and was “straightforward and direct” about human rights issues, without elaborating.

“If anything like that occurs again,” Biden said of Saudi government efforts to target dissidents abroad, “they’ll get that response and much more.”

While some accuse Biden of abandoning his promise to put human rights at the heart of his foreign policy with his trip to the kingdom, the arrest of Alhussayen underscores that federal officials are scrambling to prevent those rights abuses



Danah al-Mayouf, a prominent Saudi critic, alleges that she was harassed by a Saudi man who’s been arrested on charges of lying to federal officials about using a fake Instagram account to bully critics of the kingdom in other parts of the world. AP

from occurring on U.S. soil.

The kingdom’s campaign to silence criticism has played out in America for some time. In 2019, U.S. prosecutors alleged Saudi Arabia recruited two Twitter employees to spy on thousands of accounts including those of American citizens and Saudi dissidents.

“This guy is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Abdulrah Alauddh, Gulf research director for Democracy for the Arab World Now, a Washington-based human rights watchdog. Alauddh alleges he was also harassed by Alhussayen although he is not named in the complaint. “It’s a much larger campaign by the Saudi government to reach people outside.”

Alhussayen was a graduate student at two universities in Mississippi. But online, the FBI says he was “@samar16490,” an account that ruthlessly insulted and threatened young women on Instagram with the apparent aim of aiding the Saudi government.

Between January 2019 and August 2020, he allegedly maintained regu-

lar contact with a Saudi government employee who reported to an official at the royal court.

Prosecutors also said Alhussayen had taken screenshots of Khashoggi’s Twitter posts dating back a year before his death and kept photos of Khashoggi on his phone this year, revealing an obsession with Saudi dissidents.

Alhussayen was charged with lying to federal authorities during three interviews between June 2021 and January 2022. The FBI says he told investigators he didn’t use any social media accounts other than those in his own name.

Alhussayen’s victims routinely checked their phones to discover new waves of vitriolic attacks. As women critical of the Saudi government, they said Alhussayen’s warnings were part of a powerful campaign unleashed by legions of social media trolls.

“MBS will wipe you off the face of the earth, you will see,” Alhussayen reportedly told al-Mayouf, the Saudi activist, referring

to the crown prince by his initials.

He allegedly threatened al-Mayouf with the fate of well-known Saudi women imprisoned in the kingdom, filling his texts with expletives.

From New York, al-Mayouf hosts a popular YouTube show that delivers biting takes on Saudi-related current events and criticizes prominent officials.

For her and a few other victims, there were signs that Alhussayen’s intentions went beyond causing offense.

After al-Mayouf rejected his help with the lawsuit and refused to meet, he lashed out. He attempted to obtain her location, the court filing said, “to surveil and further harass” her in person. The complaint did not elaborate.

Moudi Aljohani, a prominent Saudi women’s rights activist who petitioned for asylum in the U.S., also believes Alhussayen was trying to gain her trust and lure her into a face-to-face meeting.

After speaking out on

social media against the country’s male guardianship system, Aljohani fled the kingdom and the stifling grip of her parents in 2016. She fears her family will kill her if she returns.

Aljohani said she was shaken when Alhussayen reached out in 2020 from his fake Instagram account with a cryptic picture of her close family member.

But she, too, earned his ire when she didn’t respond. Alhussayen allegedly told her he wanted to spit in her face. He said he hoped she met the same fate as Nada al-Qahtani, a Saudi woman fatally shot by her brother in a so-called honor killing in the kingdom in 2020.

In recent years, Aljohani has refrained from publicizing her critical opinions of the government because of what she described as a relentless smear campaign. She and the others live in fear of their government’s reach.

“The Saudis are paying big money to fix their image and the way they see it, we’re ruining it for them,” Aljohani said.

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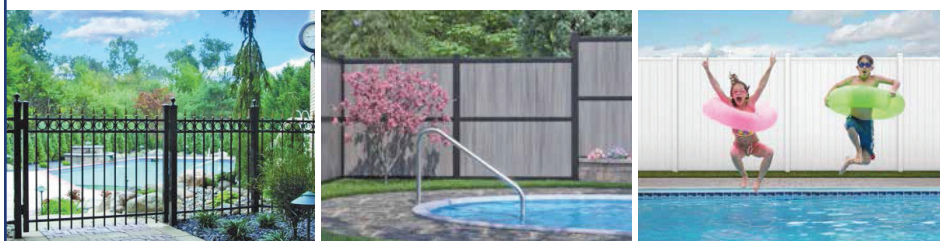
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Employers added 1,700 jobs in June

Jobless rate hits lowest since March 2020; here's a look at which sectors, communities gained and lost

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Employers in Connecticut added 1,700 jobs in June, helping push the unemployment rate down to 4%, the lowest since March 2020 before the pandemic shut much of the economy, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

The jobless rate exceeds the U.S. rate of 3.6% in June.

Construction and mining shed

1,800 jobs, a drop of nearly 3%, to 59,800, leading all sectors that lost jobs last month. Patrick Flaherty, research director at the Labor Department, said in an interview that hiring was particularly strong in the spring following a mild winter and many projects have been completed.

Job losses in construction are not reflected in an uptick in unemployment compensation filings by construction workers, he said.

The greatest employment gains

were in professional and business service jobs — a broad category that includes management and administrative work — increasing by 1,300 jobs, reflecting strength generally in the labor force, Flaherty said.

Economists also revised an initially reported rise of 1,600 jobs in May to an increase of 2,400.

“Connecticut gained jobs every month in the first half of 2022 and the unemployment rate has fallen five months in a row,” Flaherty said.

Labor force growth accelerated this year, rising an average of 7,900 jobs a month, he said.

Flaherty called manufacturing a “star performer,” adding 3,400 jobs since December.

Still, the state has recovered just 83.4% of the 289,400 nonfarm jobs lost during the March-April 2020 COVID-19 lockdown.

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said Connecticut’s job growth of 0.9% this year is half the national rate and second-lowest rate in New England. He cited the state’s slow-growth labor force, which is down about 49,000 jobs since January 2020, before the start of the pandemic.

“If every unemployed person in

the state was hired tomorrow, we’d still have a staggering 44,000 job openings,” DiPentima said.

Employment in the private sector increased by 900 jobs in June and is up nearly 3% from June 2021 and has recovered 86.9% of jobs since April 2020. Although government jobs increased in June by 800, it’s down by 1,200 from June 2021.

The public sector has recovered just 44.1% of jobs since the COVID lockdown. The government sector in Connecticut includes federal, state and local jobs and employ-

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State budget surplus tops \$4B

Majority will be used to pay down massive pension program debt

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

An economy on the brink of recession and 9% inflation weren’t enough to stop the state government surplus from shattering the \$4 billion mark, Gov. Ned Lamont’s budget office reports.

The \$4.3 billion surplus for the fiscal year that closed June 30 is unprecedented in state history, equals one-fifth of the last budget’s entire General Fund, and is 30% larger than the maximum budget reserve allowed by state law.

That means about \$4.1 billion out of this past year’s \$4.3 billion surplus will be used to pay down the state’s massive debt in its pension programs for state employees and municipal teachers. The remaining \$200 million will go into the rainy day fund — elevating it from \$3.1 billion to \$3.3 billion, which equals 15% of the General Fund for the new fiscal year.

The latest surplus forecast also is up \$430 million from estimates just one month ago, with roughly 80% of the improvement coming from rosier-than-anticipated tax receipts. Most of that final surge in revenue is tied to business taxes or to quarterly income tax filings that are dominated by capital gains and dividends.

And while major market indices such as Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 are down this calendar year, they had enjoyed considerable growth prior to 2022, driving up earnings and tax receipts in the just-completed budget cycle.

“Fiscal Year 2022 will be remembered as transformative for Connecticut’s state budget, improving our outlook for future generations,” Lamont said Wednesday.

The \$4.1 billion in surplus earmarked to retire pension debt could free up resources in future state budgets for other purposes, state pension analysts noted earlier this month.

This payment, coupled with \$1.7 billion in surpluses used for the same purpose in 2020 and 2021 combined, could drive the required annual pension contributions down by \$440 million or more.

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Jason and Crystal Siemienkiewicz have opened Hilltop Farm Store and Creamery in Suffield. The shop sells 20 flavors at a time of hard-serve ice creams, sorbets and sherbets. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Creamery opens at historic Hilltop Farm

For owners, ice cream shop in Suffield is a dream come true

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The only thing better than a summer sunset is watching that sunset with an ice cream cone in hand. At Hilltop Farm in Suffield, the front porch of the new Hilltop Creamery faces west across an expansive field. Customers have been gathering at the twilight hour to enjoy nature’s display while also enjoying the quintessential warm-weather treat.

Owners Jason and Crystal Siemienkiewicz enjoy it as much as the customers. When they opened Hilltop Farm Store and

Creamery on Memorial Day weekend, it was the culmination of a dream.

“We talked about this for a long time. We both worked in offices for 20 years. I thought, if I could work on a farm serving ice cream and people would want to be here, that would be a lot nicer than spending the day on conference calls,” Jason Siemienkiewicz said.

The shop sells 20 flavors at a time of Gifford’s and Bliss hard-serve ice creams, sorbets, sherbets, nondairy options and sugar-free options. Kiddie cones are \$2.50. Small, medium and large cones are \$3.45, \$4.30 and

\$5.50, with 75 cents extra for waffle cones. Toppings are 50 cents each. Also sold are coolers (\$6.50), floats (\$6.50), milkshakes (\$6.95) and sundaes (\$4.95, \$5.90 and \$7.25). Ice cream for dogs is \$1. Soft serve is coming soon.

The Siemienkiewiczes will soon start making their own gelato. They took lessons at Chicago headquarters of Carpigiani, a top ice cream-gelato maker.

“We have some farm store items in the shop, things from local farms, but we plan to expand across the courtyard sometime

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A push for vaccines as school year nears

Experts anticipate spread amid evolving COVID-19 landscape

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

For many families in Connecticut, kids go back to school late next month, and with the new school year comes navigation of an ever-changing COVID-19 landscape.

The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible. Children and teens who have already had COVID-19 should also be vaccinated.

“Schools have always been a concern because they are a close congregant indoor setting, but now kids will be going back to school unmasked increasing the chance of rapid transmission,” said Scott Roberts, infectious disease specialist at Yale School of Medicine. “Vaccinations are not perfect but they are better than nothing. I’ve been advising parents to get their children above 6 months old vaccinated to prepare for the school year.”

The number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the state continued to rise this week, according to the state Department of Public Health, with the state’s positivity rate reaching 10.5%, and the Biden administration has said it is preparing for a fall and winter surge that could infect 100 million Americans.

In addition, the CDC currently lists four Connecticut communities at “medium” risk for contracting COVID-19

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DominGO! opens streets for a day of safe traveling

Hartford’s Park Street will be car-free on Sunday

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A few years after defiantly riding her bike whenever she could after a 2016 crash in Hartford that left her with a shattered collarbone, Connecticut Public radio host Chion Wolf decided that she’d had enough and hung up her street pedals.

“I did have a big streak when I felt very angry, so I biked even more,” she said following the crash. “But through the years

there were too many close calls that felt just like the crash that got me in the first place, eventually I stopped riding my bike altogether.”

But for the first time since 2019, when she rode in the Hartford Marathon Foundation’s Pedal to the Medal, Wolf felt safe enough to take her bike out on the street on June 26 for DominGO!, as one of 5,000 people taking part in the Hartford open-streets event,

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Connecticut Public radio host Chion Wolf, left, stands with other riders at the end of the 2019 Hartford Marathon Foundation’s Pedal to the Medal event at Bushnell Park. COURANT FILE

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POLICE BRIEFS

HARTFORD

East Hartford man charged in slaying

Hartford police said Wednesday evening that the Police Department's Major Crimes Division has made an arrest in connection with the slaying of 25-year-old Michael Foley in April.

Foley was killed by gunfire on April 15, 2022 in the 200 block of Sigourney Street, police said.

The Hartford Police Department's Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the Intelligence and Violent Crimes Units, apprehended Chris Olds, 27, of East Hartford, Wednesday afternoon and brought him to Hartford Police Department headquarters.

Olds is charged with murder, first-degree assault and criminal possession of a firearm, police said. Olds is being held in lieu of \$2 million bail, police said.

Police said Corey Fairly, 23, of Hartford, was previously charged in connection with the incident. Fairly was charged on May 30 with accessory to murder, accessory to first-degree assault, criminal possession of a firearm, and criminal liability, police said. Fairly is being held in lieu of \$1.5 million bail.

— Staff report

WEST HARTFORD

People's Bank at Stop & Shop robbed

The West Hartford Police Department said Wednesday evening that the People's Bank located inside Stop and Shop, 176 Newington Road was robbed that afternoon.

The department received a report of a hold-up alarm at the bank and the preliminary investigation revealed that "the bank was robbed and the suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival," police said.

There were no injuries reported from the incident, police said.

This is the fourth reported robbery at a People's United Bank inside of a Stop & Shop in Connecticut in the past week, including one in Watertown on Friday night, Glastonbury on Saturday and Southington on Monday evening.

The West Hartford Patrol Division, Detective Division, and Community Support Unit are actively investigating the incident, police said.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has further information is asked to call the West Hartford Police Department at 860-523-5203 or use the WHPD Tip Line at whpdtips@westhartfordct.gov or 860- 570-8969.

— Staff report

HAMDEN

Man shot in early morning carjacking

A Hamden man was hospitalized after he was shot during a carjacking on Thursday morning, according to police.

Officers from the Hamden Police Department responded to reports of a shooting and carjacking on Third Street near Dixwell Avenue around 6 a.m. Police said they found the victim, a 46-year-old man, with gunshot wounds to the lower extremities.

According to police, the man said he was approached by two individuals who tried to take his car at gunpoint. The three struggled briefly, at which point the man was shot and the two suspects stole his car.

Police are investigating the shooting and carjacking. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hamden Police Department at 203-230-4000.

— Mike Mavredakis

WATERBURY

Shooting leaves 18-year-old dead

An 18-year-old male was killed in a shooting in Waterbury a little after midnight on Thursday, according to police.

The Waterbury Police Department was called to Willow Street a little after midnight on a report of shots fired. They found evidence of the gunfire and the victim, an 18-year-old from Waterbury, who had sustained fatal gunshot wounds.

He was pronounced dead on the scene by ambulance personnel, police said.

The shooting is under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Waterbury Detective Bureau at 203-574-6941 or Crime Stoppers at 203-755-1234.

— Mike Mavredakis

Hartford's new food truck park opens

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — West Side Square Hartford, the new food truck park on Farmington Avenue in the West End, will have its grand opening on Friday, its developer, Quan Quach, said Thursday.

Quan and Rebeca Quach, who live in the neighborhood, had hoped to open Westside Square

by the end of May, but the opening had to be pushed back due to delays with zoning, permitting and construction.

Plans for the food truck park were to include a central pergola, a stage and seating for dozens of people on huge wooden wire spools.

The planning for the park started a year ago, and Quan Quach headed up the construction using

repurposed materials.

Quan Quach is a contractor who once owned Red Plate and Asylum Café restaurants in Hartford and also operated the now-dormant Baba Ganoush truck in collaboration with the Tangiers food store.

The park, at the corner of Farmington and Girard Avenues, will be open from 4 to 9 p.m.

Kenyon, a band made up of Joseph Linhart, Aaron Patterson,

Peter Kennedy and David Reynolds, will perform from 7 to 9 p.m.

The park will be open Wednesday through Sunday, hosting up to four trucks at a time in a rotation. Other than the trucks, no motorized vehicles are allowed on the property. Visitors can arrive by foot or by bicycle.

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Jobs

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ment at the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribal governments.

Employers are looking hard to fill jobs and are posting "help wanted" signs in most retail stores and other businesses.

The number of job openings in Connecticut grew to 120,000 in May, from 111,000 in April, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Where in Connecticut were jobs added?

■ The Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford labor market added

1,700 jobs, up 0.3%

■ In Waterbury the labor market added 600 jobs, up 0.9%.

Where were jobs lost?

■ Employers cut 2,600 jobs in the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk labor market, down 0.7%.

■ The New Haven labor market lost 1,000 jobs, off by 0.3%.

■ The Norwich-New London-Westerly labor market shed 100 jobs, a decline of 0.1%.

■ The Danbury labor market was unchanged in June.

Which sectors added jobs?

■ Professional and Business Services, up 1,300 jobs, or 0.6%.

■ Government posted 800 more

jobs, up 0.4%.

■ Education and Health Services were up 700 jobs, or 0.2%.

■ Manufacturing posted 600 new jobs, an increase of 0.4%.

■ Trade, Transportation and Utilities, up 300 jobs, or 0.1%.

■ Financial Activities posted 100 jobs, an increase of 0.1%.

Which sectors lost jobs?

■ Construction and Mining lost 1,800 jobs, down 2.9%.

■ Leisure and Hospitality, off by 200 jobs, a loss of 0.1%.

■ Information, down 100 jobs, or 0.3%.

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Genevieve Valvo writes the flavors of the ice cream onto the glass at Hilltop Farm Store and Creamery in Suffield.
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Creamery

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next year," Jason Siemienkowicz said.

He said the shop's official opening and ribbon-cutting will be July 31.

"From noon to 2 we're collecting donations for Connecticut Children's Medical Center. They receive a lot of donations of coloring books, but they never get donations of crayons. Whoever brings a box of unopened crayons gets a coupon for a free soft serve," he said.

A magician, a balloon-twister and a bounce house will be featured at the ribbon cutting.

Also at Hilltop, a car show, which will include antique Indian motorcycles along with other vintage vehicles, will take place July 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m., country singer Jordan Oaks will give a concert to benefit The Jimmy Fund and the Suffield Pan Mass Challenge Kids Ride. The ice cream shop will be open during the events.

Historical farm

The Suffield couple picked an idyllic spot with an interesting history. In 1916, the property

IF YOU GO: Hilltop Farm Store and Creamery, 1616 Mapleton Ave., Suffield, is open noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. See hilltopfarmsuffield.org or facebook.com/hilltopfarmstoreandcreamery.

was bought by George Mallory Hendee, a champion bicycle racer who co-founded Indian motorcycle company in Springfield, Massachusetts. Hendee built a manor and agricultural complex. He raised Guernsey cattle and Leghorn chickens. He prided himself on his spacious, state-of-the-art barn.

"There were 75 cows here. He treated his cattle like queens," said Tony Peterson, a board member of The Friends of the Farm at Hilltop. "The barn had electricity. That was unusual. The floors were concrete. Each cow had her own window and they even had curtains on them."

Hendee's holdings were almost 500 acres. Over time and a succession of owners, the farm shrank as acres were sold off and developed. Hendee's opulent mansion is gone.

A later owner was Charles Stroh, a lawyer active in politics including the state prison board, Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority and a farmland

preservation task force. Stroh also was an incorporator of Mt. Sinai Hospital, a UConn trustee and board member at the Big E. At Hilltop, Stroh raised Holstein cattle, race horses and German Drahthaar dogs.

"He could see a lot of that farmland being lost, and saving it was a passion of his," Douglas M. Costle, former commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, told The Courant at the time of Stroh's death in 1993.

Today, The Friends of the Farm at Hilltop own 11 acres and leases 76 more from the town. On the property — which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places — bees are kept, chickens are raised, tobacco is grown, dogs are trained and community gardens are used by members of the public.

Thirty-six species of birds, including bald eagles, live on the property. Gardens that attract butterflies and hummingbirds are cultivated.

The second floor of the remarkably well-preserved big barn is currently being renovated. Starting in October it will be available to host weddings and other functions.

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which shut down Farmington Avenue from South Whitney to Bushnell Park to motor-vehicle traffic for six hours so people could walk, run, bike, use their wheelchairs, skateboard, rollerblade, or otherwise frolic freely down the city thoroughfare for several miles.

But she didn't ride without trepidation.

"Even getting on my bike on my driveway was scary and heading to DominGO! two blocks away felt scary," she said. "And as soon as I saw all the activity and signage and people, it was like my whole body just lifted and I felt joyful and appreciative and free and safe, also combined with, 'Why can't it always be this way? Why is this only now and then? And all the effort that's put into DominGO! and events like it, why does it have to be an exception?'"

A couple of times she rode through the intersection of Farmington Avenue and Whitney Street where she was seriously injured, and she admitted to being a bit

pensive.

"...I wish I could have told someone at that spot, 'Do you know what happened here?'" she said. "Because at every intersection ... in the city, there is someone with a story or someone who can't tell their story. So there's a lot of mixed emotions. But I am still full of hope."

Wolf says she will be at the second DominGO! event, which is Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The route this time is Park Street, from Prospect Avenue to Broad Street.

Rory Gale, a Hartford business owner who is on the DominGO! organizing committee, says the events — Sunday's is the second of three that will take place this year, with the third taking place Sept. 25 — are modeled after similar open street programs that take place in cities such as Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

"I participated in open streets in Los Angeles and Mexico City and the freedom of being in the middle of the street that was meant for cars, the only way I can explain it is this magic of how freeing it feels and how liberating it is," Gale said. "It's just so special to have it here

in Hartford."

Hartford's DominGO! events take place in three different neighborhoods to showcase much of what the city has to offer. The one on Park Street Sunday has three separate hubs — at Parkville, Pope Park and Frog Hollow — that have various activities, arts, entertainment and food options.

"Each route has different amenities and things that make each one a different experience," Gale said. "Park Street is going to have a different vibe [than Farmington Avenue] ... and that's what is so special about Hartford is all the neighborhoods and how unique they are ..."

"There's a lot more density on Park Street, with all these amazing restaurants that have tons of different cuisines from Brazilian to Puerto Rican to Jamaican. You're going to have these businesses that have been stakeholders on Park Street for more than 50 years are all now able to put everything out on the street. You're able to just get outside and showcase ... in an outdoor way."

Gale says it's also an ideal outdoor event with the COVID-

19 pandemic still an ongoing issue. With the temperature outside expected to reach into the 90s on Sunday, the route will have a cooling station as well as splash pads and Pope Pool along the way for people to remain comfortable, Gale said.

"It's going to be a hot one," she said. "Bring a lot of water. ... It's a very family-friendly event, we want people to cool off."

As for Wolf, she says she hopes Hartford continues to evolve to a point where DominGO! isn't necessary.

"I have a feeling [there will come a day when we look back on this era and the era leading up to it and say, 'People used to ride their bikes on the streets with cars and distracted drivers? That was crazy,'" she said. "We've made progress, and we're going to continue to and that's exciting but I know there will come an era where we will look back as to why it took so long for us to do so much better."

For more information, visit the DominGO! website.

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including Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven, and Middlesex counties. COVID-19 community levels are a tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

"These numbers are a reminder that Connecticut is in the midst of a swell from a subvariant of omicron," said Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani, M.D., in a press release. "DPH has been preparing for this since late March. And all the tools are in place — including vaccines and second boosters, Test to Treat locations, therapeutics, self-tests and state-supported testing — to help curb the severity of this illness."

With omicron now the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Connecticut, vaccine makers will include a component in their COVID-19 boosters that targets the highly transmissible Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which account for more than 80 percent of cases in the United States. Those new boosters are expected to be released in the fall.

"We're not sure at this point if the new boosters coming out will also be released for children," Roberts said. "My thinking is that they will most likely be only for adults first. So it's probably a good idea not to wait and get your children boosted before the school year."

In June, the CDC approved COVID-19 vaccines for young children who are at least 6 months old up to 5 years. Roughly 20 million children in the United States under 5 years became newly eligible for vaccination. In Connecticut, an estimated 182,000 children under 5 years are eligible for the new vaccines.

According to the Connecticut Department of Public Health, 4 percent of children in the state under 5 years have had at least one dose of vaccine. That number jumps to 49% of children from 5 to 9 years having received one dose.

"I expect that number to rise," Roberts said. "Children are specifically challenging in developing vaccines for because often times they are not as effected as adults and more often are asymptomatic to COVID-19. In addition, standards are more rigorous for children. Therefore, the vaccines are both safe and effective. As time goes by, more younger kids under 5 will become vaccinated."

For more information on COVID-19 in Connecticut visit data.ct.gov/coronavirus.

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No change in format for insurance hearings

Following outrage over rate hikes, department to relocate to accommodate larger expected crowd

By Jenna Carlesso and Jessica Bravo
CT Mirror

Despite calls from the state's attorney general and health care advocates to hold a more formal hearing on a proposal to substantially increase rates on 2023 health plans, Connecticut's insurance department will proceed with its usual informational hearing, albeit in a new location.

Attorney General William Tong had asked for a special hearing that would allow officials to collect evidence and scrupulously question insurers about their proposed increases. Officials would be able to cross-examine witnesses and present their own evidence in a public setting.

Insurers who sell plans on and off Connecticut's Affordable Care Act Exchange have asked the state to authorize an average increase of 20.4% for individual health plans next year, and 14.8% for small group policies, alarming advocates who worry more people will go without coverage because they can't afford it.

Tong described the special hearing as a litigation.

"We need to test what they're saying and understand what's behind the numbers ... put people under oath and ask them questions and really get to the bottom of this," he said at a recent press conference. "I want to litigate this question, because the people of this state deserve nothing less than that."

A spokesman for the insurance department described the usual hearing format as more transparent.

"By holding the public information hearing in the manner by which [the department] has done in the past and proposes to hold again for this year, the proceedings are more fully transparent than a [more formal hearing] as there are less restrictions or criteria placed on participation," the spokesman, Jim Carson, said.

The usual process allows the public to make oral and written comments on the issue and permits state officials and legislators to testify and ask questions "without having to petition for party and intervenor status," he said.

A spokeswoman for Tong said he hopes to continue discussions with the insurance department about the possibility of a more formal

hearing.

At the request of lawmakers who expressed outrage over the proposed rate hikes, the insurance department will move the hearing from its usual location at a state office building in downtown Hartford to the Legislative Office Building to accommodate a larger expected crowd.

A group of Republican legislators had called for a broader public hearing after the proposed rate increases were announced.

"Holding this hearing at the Capitol complex will enable the greatest level of public access in a facility that was built to foster public gathering, listening, expression, and advocacy," Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, Sen. Paul Formica, R-East Lyme, and Sen. Tony Hwang, R-Fairfield, wrote in a letter to Gov. Ned Lamont, Insurance Commissioner Andrew Mais and legislative leaders.

"As lawmakers, we believe the state must do much more to make health care affordable, and that includes fully examining why these rate increases are occurring, how policy impacts rates, and pursuing — not dismissing — solutions. The Capitol complex and Legislative Office Building will allow for the most accessible public hearing."

Insurance Commissioner Andrew Mais agreed to move the

hearing.

"Due to the anticipated size of the audience and public participation, this year's hearing is expected to be held in August at the Legislative Office Building," he said in a reply letter to legislators.

A date has not yet been set for the hearing. The public can make comments in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams. They can also submit written testimony. Anyone who wants to testify can sign up by sending an email to Cid.Rate-Filings@ct.gov with their name and testimony attached (including those who want to testify remotely).

"I am pleased that the insurance commissioner has heard our calls to move the hearing process to the Legislative Office Building to better accommodate the public making their voices heard," Kelly said. "This is an important opportunity for the public to speak out against these rate increases ... We need a comprehensive dialogue about why health care remains unaffordable and inaccessible for far too many."

State Health Care Advocate Ted Doolittle has said he hopes to ask detailed questions of the insurers to get answers on the underlying cost drivers.

The insurers selling policies on the exchange: Anthem Health

Plans, CTCare Benefits Inc., and ConnectiCare Insurance Company Inc.

Anthem requested an average increase of 8.6% for individual policies that cover 27,698 people. The proposed changes range from a decrease of 1.8% to an increase of 16.1%, depending on the plan.

The company also sought an average hike of 3.6% on small group policies that cover 19,271 residents. The suggested changes range from a decrease of 1.2% to an increase of 26.3%.

CTCare Benefits asked for an average hike of 24.1% on individual plans that cover 75,003 people. Proposed changes range from an increase of 18.7% to 33.2%, depending on the policy. It also sought an average hike of 22.9% on small group plans that cover 3,476 residents (increases range from 20% to 28.9%).

ConnectiCare Insurance Company, which only sells individual policies on the exchange, requested an average increase of 25.2% for plans that cover 8,782 people. Suggested hikes range from 17.1% to 32.2%.

The insurance department will make a decision this fall on how much of an increase to grant — if any — for the various health plans.

Open enrollment for 2023 health policies begins on Nov. 1.

Connecticut Ballet dancing under stars in 2 outdoor shows

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Connecticut Ballet is having a ball outdoors with its latest touring "Ballet Under the Stars" program. Two performances are happening in the Hartford area: on July 28 at Burr Mall next to the Wadsworth Atheneum and on July 30 at West Hartford's Elizabeth Park. Both shows start at 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

One of the big misconceptions about ballet, says Connecticut Ballet's artistic director Bret Raphael, is that's an elitist art restricted to white European cultures. "Ballet represents all dance," he says, noting traditions of ballet in Africa and elsewhere.

The "Ballet Under the Stars" shows prove that ballet is not intended for some rarefied, restrictive audience, Raphael says.

"It's such a beautiful thing to welcome every single person" to the free outdoor performances, which happen around the state every summer. "People are dancing in the aisles and calling out to us. You don't see that at The Bushnell."

A performance in Westport on Tuesday attracted 1,000 people, Raphael says.

The company travels with a 24-by-30-foot stage platform that allows for a backstage changing

IF YOU GO: "Ballet Under the Stars" can be seen July 28 at 6:30 p.m. (rain date July 29 at 6:30 p.m.) at Alfred E. Burr Memorial, 570 Main Street, Hartford; and July 30 at 6:30 p.m. (rain date July 31 at 6:30 p.m.) on the John G. Martin Foundation stage in the Elizabeth Park Conservancy, 1561 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. Free. Masks are optional but encouraged. connecticutballet.org.

area. The lighting for the shows is mainly provided by the sun; the performances start at 6:30 p.m. and last about 90 minutes, so sundown is an added special effect.

Two of the four pieces in the program are classics from the Connecticut Ballet repertory, and the others are new works the company commissioned.

■ "A Piece That Might Never Happen About a Peace That Might Never Happen" was created by the Portland, Oregon-based choreographer Carlyn Hudson for Connecticut Ballet's virtual "Digital Dance" series. Hudson has said the piece is about "the importance of being heard."

■ "Panchama" was commissioned by Connecticut Ballet from New York choreographer Yamini Kalluri. She is a professional dancer in the classical Indian



"A Piece That Might Never Happen About a Peace That Might Never Happen," choreographed by Carlyn Hudson, is one of the new works danced by Connecticut Ballet for "Ballet Under the Stars." **CONNECTICUT BALLET/COURTESY**

Kuchipudi style, and Raphael says the choreography also reflects Kalluri's interest in American modern dance pioneer Martha Graham. "Panchama" features five female dancers. Raphael notes that "the number five is very important" in the ancient Indian Sanskrit language and in the works of philosopher Alan Watts, who introduced many concepts of Indian literature and thought to mainstream mid-20th century America.

■ The Spanish-themed dance "Paquita" was first done by Connecticut Ballet in 1981, the year the company formed and had its acclaimed debut at the

Jacob's Pillow dance venue in Massachusetts.

■ "Threads from a String of Swing" is scored with big band music.

The "Ballet Under the Stars" series has been around for years and was originally known as "Ballet Caravan." Connecticut Ballet has been able to keep the series going in recent years even despite the pandemic, with the 2020 program moved from summer to fall to accommodate the change in public gathering protocols. It was in 2020 that "Ballet Under the Stars" first performed in Burr Mall, also known as Alfred E. Burr Memo-

rial, near the Wadsworth Atheneum on Main Street.

Raphael says that for Connecticut Ballet, "this coming year is a real comeback of a sort." This includes an increase in the number of performances the company — which has its school and studio space in Stamford but has always maintained its main office in Hartford — will be increasing the number of performances it does at The Bushnell. There will be a full announcement about the ballet's expanded local presence later this year.

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West Hartford couple create fund to boost Holocaust education

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

WEST HARTFORD — West Hartford residents Richard and Lea Rubenstein are concerned about current affairs.

So the couple has made an investment in educating younger people about the horrors of the Holocaust — via a collaboration with the Jewish Community Foundation that will support programs at Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor.

Richard Rubenstein, a Loomis Chaffee alum, said that when he was in college, he spent a summer in Europe in 1966 on a Joint Distribution Committee study mission, where he met many Holocaust survivors.

"There's nothing like seeing it firsthand," he said. "That summer, I became very interested in trying

to help our fellow Jews."

For years, Richard has donated his time, energy, and funds to many organizations supporting a range of causes, including survivors. He was previously the president of the Hartford Jewish Federation and chairman of Hebrew Healthcare, among other roles.

On that 1966 trip, he also met Lea, who lived under communism for 20 years in the former Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic and Slovakia) before coming to the United States in 1966. They have been married for 53 years.

"That was a souvenir of the trip," he said.

The couple created The Rubenstein Family Holocaust Education Fund, aimed at supporting the prevention of future genocides through Holocaust education. Combined with other funds at Loomis Chaffee, the fund will

finance high-profile speakers, schoolwide convocations and classes.

"The Holocaust was really a terrible thing. I've gone and visited many of the concentration camps," he said. "That's why we did this."

The school, he said, already has great history programs, but he still wanted to do more to impress upon students how people are mistreated on a large scale.

"The problems in today's world are greater. What's going on in Ukraine is another form of genocide," he said. "History is repeating itself in the worst way right now. I hope young people will help take care of these things that affect all of us because it's their world and, more importantly, our grandchildren's world."

The Rubensteins donated the entire fund, and while they aren't looking for more donations, they

hope their work inspires others to do the same, for this or other causes.

"We put in a substantial amount of money, and we have an agreement with Loomis on how it's going to be used," he said.

"The fund is ongoing, and they have other monies they are going to combine with it, because they believe the purpose of it," Rubenstein said. "They understand exactly what we're trying to do. These kids really understand what's going on in the world. This is the kind of thing that will help them as they go forward."

"One of the reasons we did the fund was to encourage other people to do the same kind of thing," he said. "They can do the same thing with their school, or wherever they think it might be helpful."

For more information, visit <https://www.jcfhartford.org>.



Richard and Lea Rubenstein, of West Hartford, have created a fund to boost education about the Holocaust at Loomis Chaffee School. **COURTESY**

Budget

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But whether those required payments actually drop, and by how much, also hinges on the economy. As stock markets slide, the value of Connecticut's pension fund investments traditionally falls as well. And as those investments lose value on paper, required contributions tend to rise.

So even though there appear to be competing forces trying to push

the state's annual pension costs in opposite directions, Lamont was optimistic that — in this area of the budget — Connecticut is in for good news in the near future.

"We are providing stability and predictability to our budgeting," he said. "The national bond rating agencies have all taken notice, last year we were upgraded by all four rating agencies, and this year, one agency has improved the state's outlook. Businesses recognize that Connecticut is committed to driving down our unfunded liabilities and looking towards our

state more and more as a place to expand and grow."

But Republicans say Lamont and his fellow Democrats in the legislature's majority missed an opportunity this year to help Connecticut residents crippled by high gasoline prices and inflation that now tops 9%.

Democrats enacted a \$660 million tax relief plan they say ranks as one of the largest in state history.

But much of that aid is temporary and the GOP argues it is far too small anyway, given inflation

and the huge windfall more than six times its size in the state's coffers.

Republicans countered with a \$1.2 billion tax-cutting plan that included the first ongoing cut in a state income tax rate since the mid-1990s.

The \$4.3 billion left over from the last fiscal year reflects money taken "off kitchen tables across the state of Connecticut," Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, said Wednesday. "Again, I ask for this over-taxation to be returned so that fami-

lies feeling the hurt of the historic inflation of the Biden administration get some relief."

But Connecticut also is one of the most indebted states in the nation on a per capita basis, and it entered this fiscal year with more than \$40 billion in unfunded pension obligations — a problem created by decades of inadequate savings.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
AUGUST 4, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request for a variance of Section 23.02A for the proposed installation of a generator at 169-171 Liberty St in the Mixed Use (MX) Zone to support group home in case of power loss. Applicant/ Agent: David Ferrigno/Gilead Community Services, Inc. V2022.4

2. Request for a variance of Section 21.02 for the proposed addition of a covered front porch to the existing dwelling at 54 Dorothy Drive in the RPZ. Applicant/Agent: Kristen Rzasa. V2022-5

3. Request for a variance of Sections 48.03.08 and 48.05 for the proposed installation of two electronic institutional signs to be displayed at 1 Wilderman's Way. Applicant/Agent: Michael Scott/ TSKP Studio. V2022-6

4. Request for a variance of Section 21.02 to allow a lot without frontage on an existing parcel located on Livingston Rd. Map-Lot: 44-0175. Applicant/Agent: Joseph M. Carta. V2022-7

Steven Kovach, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MIDDLETOWN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
AUGUST 3, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Request to upgrade Red Road sewer pumping station which was originally constructed in 1969 at 90 Red Road. Applicant/Agent: Middletown Water & Sewer Department. 2022-7

Joseph Carta, Chair
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
7/22 & 7/29/22 7252688

LEGAL NOTICE

CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

On July 14, 2022, the Chester Planning & Zoning Commission approved, with conditions, the following two applications:

a. Re-Subdivision Application: 65 Goose Hill Road, Zone R-1, Map 9, Lot 216. Applicant: Geoffrey Jacobson

b. Special Exception Application: 72 Railroad Avenue, WD2 Zone, Map 15, Lot 56. Applicant: Chester Point Marina

Details of the application and decision may be obtained by emailing zoningofficial@chesterct.org.
Bettie Perreault, Secretary
Chester Planning & Zoning Commission
7/22/2022 7253853

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN M. TRANCHINA, Late of Portland (22-00199)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region #14 Probate Court, by decree dated July 15, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosetta F. Hinds, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Marjorie A. Cooke
c/o MICHAEL J KEENAN, KEENAN LAW, LLC, 787 MAIN STREET, SO GLASTONBURY, CT 06073

July 22, 2022 7255289

LEGAL NOTICE

OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

The Historic District Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut reached the following decisions at its ~~regularly-scheduled~~ meeting on Tuesday July 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street, concerning the following:

A. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to add a transom window and lower existing window on 2nd story, add copper flashing trim to house, add cedar clapboard to dormers and side of house and add baluster deck railing to 2nd story deck.
69 Cromwell Place (Map 32/Lot 56)
Applicant/Owner: Robert & Tamara Laurie
APPROVED

B. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to add a 69 s.f. addition.
116 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 63)
Applicant/Owner: James & Elena Goggin
APPROVED

C. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to install new wood screen door/storm door in front entry and install new aluminum screen/storm door at rear patio entry.
55 North Cove Road (Map 31/Lot 19)
Owner: Abigale & Scott Skidmore
Applicant/Agent: Tony Brodeur, North Cove Construction
APPROVED

D. Certificate of Appropriateness as to Exterior Features to replace four first floor double hung windows
148 North Cove Road (Map 32/Lot 59)
Applicant/Agent: Richard Peters
APPROVED

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this **22ND day of July, 2022**

OLD SAYBROOK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
William Childress, Chairman

7/22/22 7255197

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission Regular meeting of July 18, 2022 the following decisions were rendered:

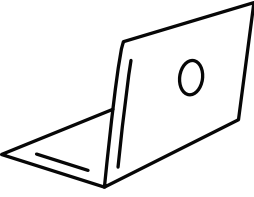
A. Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations for Animal Care Services as a Special Exception Use in the I Industrial zone.
Sect. 9 new definition of animal care services, new Sec. 41.2.9 Animal Care Services as Special Exception Use and 53 Special Standards.
Applicants: Janet & Michael Stoner
Agent: Attorney Terry Lomine
DENIED

B. Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations to amend Section 53, Special Standards Drive-through windows, paragraph H, to include properties with frontage on Route 166.
Applicant: SPR Oasis, LLC Agent: Attorney Edward M. Cassella
APPROVED AS AMENDED/EFFECTIVE 8/15/2022
Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 22nd day of July, 2022
Robert Friedmann, Chairman
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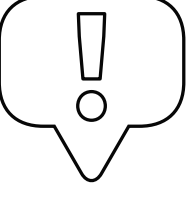
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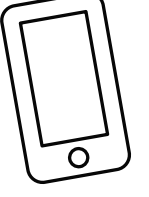
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Major gas pipeline linking Russia to Europe reopens

But energy flow after 10-day maintenance shutdown still short of full capacity

By Geir Moulson
Associated Press

BERLIN — Natural gas started flowing through a major pipeline from Russia to Europe on Thursday after a 10-day shutdown for maintenance — but the gas flow remained well short of full capacity and the outlook was uncertain, which leaves Europe still facing the prospect of a hard winter.

Deliveries through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline under the Baltic Sea resumed at 40% of capacity, the level they had been at for weeks before annual maintenance. The German government announced that it would step up its gas storage requirements and take further measures to save gas.

The pipeline had been closed since July 11 for maintenance. Amid growing tensions over Russia's war in Ukraine, German officials had feared that the pipeline — the country's main source of Russian gas, which recently has accounted for around a third of Germany's gas supplies — might not reopen at all.

But the gas deliveries that were arriving still weren't enough to resolve Europe's energy crisis, and officials suspect that Russia is likely to disrupt supplies further. German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck said the reduced supply "speaks a clear political language and confirms that we can't rely on deliveries."

"The outlook is simply extremely volatile," said Klaus Mueller, the head of Germany's network regulator. "We must save more to get through the next two winters well."

Russia's state-owned Gazprom reduced the flow through Nord Stream 1 by 60% in mid-June, citing technical problems involving equipment that partner Siemens Energy sent to Canada for overhaul and couldn't be returned because of sanctions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Canadian government earlier this month gave permission for the turbine to be delivered to Germany.

The German government has rejected Gazprom's technical explanation for the gas reduction, charging repeatedly that it was only a pretext for the Kremlin's

political decision to sow uncertainty and further push up energy prices. It has said the turbine was a replacement that was only supposed to be installed in September.

"Russia is using the great power it has — too great a power, which we gave Russia — to blackmail Europe," said Habeck, who is also the economy minister and responsible for energy. He said of the turbine: "Sometimes one has the impression that Russia doesn't want to take it back at all."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said this week that Gazprom still hadn't received the documents for the turbine's return, and questioned the quality of the repair work. Putin said Gazprom would shut another turbine for repairs in late July.

Habeck said the turbine was in Germany at the beginning of this week, and German authorities will say when it has reached Russia and been handed over to Gazprom.

The European Commission proposed this week that its 27 nations cut their gas use by 15% over the coming months as the bloc braces for a possible full Russian cutoff of gas supplies.

Amazon to buy primary care group for \$3.9B

By Halehuya Hadero
Associated Press

Amazon announced Thursday it will acquire the primary care organization One Medical in a deal valued roughly at \$3.9 billion, marking another expansion for the retailer into health care services.

The Seattle-based e-commerce giant said in a statement it will acquire One Medical for \$18 per share in an all-cash transaction.

Its one of Amazon's biggest acquisitions, following its \$13.7 billion deal to buy Whole Foods in 2017 and its \$8.5 billion purchase of Hollywood studio MGM, which closed this year.

One Medical, whose parent company is the San-Francisco based 1Life Healthcare, Inc., is a membership-based service that offers virtual care as well as in-person visits. It also works with more than 8,000 companies to provide its health benefits to employees.

As of March, One Medical had about 767,000 members and 188 medical offices in 25 markets, according to its first-quarter earnings report, which also showed the company had incurred a net losses of \$90.9 million after pulling in \$254.1 million in revenue. The total deal value announced Thursday includes One Medical's debt.

Neil Lindsay, the senior vice president of Amazon Health Services, said in a statement the acquisition is geared toward reinventing the health care "experience" for things like booking an appointment and taking trips to the pharmacy.

Consumer demand for telemedicine and virtual health care visits has exploded during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health care bill payers like employers and insurers are also becoming more focused on improving access to care and making sure their patients stay tuned in to their health, see their doctors regularly and take their prescriptions.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Ford: EV battery supply sufficient

DETROIT — Ford says it has contracts to deliver enough batteries to produce electric vehicles at a rate of 600,000 globally per year by late in 2023.

The company said Thursday that Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. of China will supply new lithium-iron phosphate batteries starting next year. The deal is in addition to a contract with SK Innovation of Korea that includes building batteries in a joint venture at plants to be built in Kentucky and Tennessee. Ford also is getting batteries from LG Energy Solution of Korea.

Lithium-iron phosphate batteries reduce use of scarce minerals such as nickel, the company said, cutting material costs by 10% to 15% over nickel-cobalt-manganese batteries now in use.

Crypto insider trading alleged

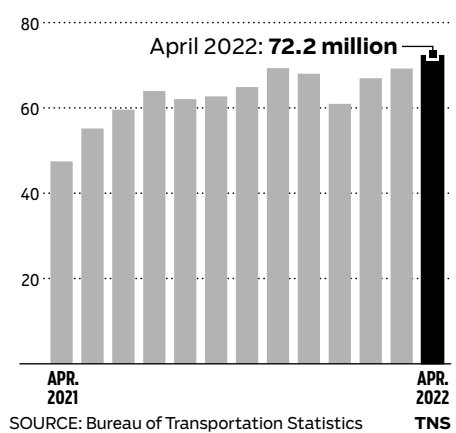
NEW YORK — A former Coinbase product manager and his brother, along with a Houston man, were charged Thursday in what federal authorities described as the U.S. government's first cryptocurrency insider trading case.

The brothers — Ishan Wahi and Nikhil Wahi — were arrested while the Houston man, Sameer Ramani, remained at large, federal authorities said.

Authorities said Ishan Wahi, 32, was a product manager at Coinbase Global Inc., one of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, based in Seattle, when he provided tips to his brother, Nikhil Wahi, 26, and their friend, Ramani, 33. All three were charged with wire fraud conspiracy and wire fraud.

Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions.



A model of Wisk Aero's autonomous aircraft is displayed Tuesday during the Farnborough Air Show in Farnborough, England. Although this craft is designed as an electric air taxi, such emission-free technology might not be available for airliners for decades. ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

A bumpy ride toward net-zero

Aviation industry faces big hurdles in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

By David Koenig and Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

FARNBOROUGH, England — Airplanes are a minor contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, but their share is sure to grow as more people travel in coming years — and that has the aviation industry facing the prospect of tighter environmental regulations and higher costs.

The industry has embraced a goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Experts who track the issue are skeptical.

Until the COVID-19 pandemic caused travel to slump, airlines were on a steady course of burning more fuel each year. Today's aircraft engines are the most efficient ever, but improvements in reducing fuel burn are agonizingly slow — about 1% a year on average.

At Monday's opening of a huge aviation industry show near London, discussion about climate change replaced much of the usual buzz over big airplane orders.

Jim Harris, who leads the aerospace practice at consultant Bain & Co., says that with airlines recovering from the jolt of the pandemic, hitting net-zero by 2050 is now the industry's biggest challenge.

"There is no obvious solution, there is no one technology, there is no one set of actions that are going to get the industry there," Harris says.

Aviation releases only one-sixth the amount of carbon dioxide produced by cars and trucks, according to World Resources Institute, a nonprofit research group based in Washington. However, aviation is used by far fewer people per day.

Jet fuel use by the four biggest U.S. airlines — American, United, Delta and Southwest — rose 15% in the five years leading up to 2019, the last year before air travel dropped, even as they updated their fleets with more efficient planes.

Airbus and Boeing, the world's two biggest aircraft makers, both addressed sustainability during Monday's opening day at Farnborough, although they approached the issue in different ways.

Europe's Airbus and seven airline groups announced a venture in West Texas to explore removing carbon dioxide from the air and injecting it deep underground,

while Boeing officials said sustainable aviation fuel, or SAF, will be the best tool — but not the only one — to reduce emissions.

Last September, airline leaders and President Joe Biden touted an agreement to cut aircraft emissions 20% by 2030 by producing 3 billion gallons of SAF by then and replacing all conventional jet fuel by 2050. Climate experts praised the idea but said the voluntary targets are overly optimistic. Current SAF production is around 5 million gallons per year.

Sustainable fuel is biofuel made from cooking oil, animal fats, municipal waste or other feedstocks. Its chief advantage is that it can be blended with conventional fuel to power jet engines.

Among SAF's drawbacks is the high cost — about three times more than conventional jet fuel. As airlines seek to buy and use more of it, the price will rise further. Advocates are lobbying for tax breaks and other incentives to boost production.

Policy makers see SAF as a bridge fuel — a way to reduce emissions until more dramatic breakthroughs, such as electric- or hydrogen-powered planes, are ready. Those technologies might not be widely available for airline-size planes for two or three decades.

US raises pressure on Nicaragua via sugar

By Paul Wiseman and Gabriela Selser
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration dropped Nicaragua from a list of countries that can ship sugar to the United States at low import tax rates as the U.S. intensifies economic pressure on the authoritarian government of President Daniel Ortega.

The U.S. hands out sugar import quotas annually by country and imposes relatively modest levies on shipments that come in below the cutoff.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative put out a list late Wednesday allocating quotas to 39 countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe for just over 1.1 million metric

tons for raw sugar cane. The quotas cover the budget year 2023, which starts Oct. 1. Nicaragua, which got a quota of more than 22,000 metric tons in budget year 2022, was excluded from the 2023 list.

Nicaragua last year exported \$83.5 million worth of sugar to the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The administration has been considering ways to turn up the heat on the Nicaraguan government, which last year held what the U.S. considered daily show trials against anti-government activists ahead of the fall elections. His likely opponents locked out of the contest, Ortega easily won a fourth straight term. The U.S. also accuses the Ortega government of corruption and

sees the country's close relationship with Russia as a regional security threat.

Mario Amador, president of Nicaragua's National Sugar Producers' Commission, said he was caught off guard by the decision and called it unfortunate. He said that neither the Nicaraguan nor U.S. governments had given him advance notice.

Nicaragua's sugar sector produces nearly 2 million tons annually, more than half of which is exported. The approximately \$200 million that it generates accounts for about 4% of Nicaragua's gross national product, and the sector employs directly or indirectly some 150,000 people, according to the sugar commission, which said that sugar would have to be diverted to other, less lucrative markets.

BUSINESS



A member of the Kayapo Indigenous community surveys an area where illegal loggers opened a road to enter the community's land in Altamira, Para state, Brazil. LEO CORREA/AP 2019

Study: Brazilian authorities pay no mind to deforestation

By Fabiano Maisonnave
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Environmental criminals in the Brazilian Amazon destroyed public forests equal the size of El Salvador over the past six years, yet the Federal Police — the Brazilian version of the FBI — carried out only seven operations aimed at this massive loss, according to a new study.

The destruction took place in state and federal forests that are “unallocated,” meaning they do not have a designated use the way national parks and Indigenous territories do. According to official data, the Brazilian Amazon has about 224,000 square miles of forests in this category, or an area almost the size of Ukraine.

As Brazil has repeatedly legalized such invasions, these forests have become the main target for criminals who illegally seize land.

The study, from Igarape Institute, a Brazilian think tank, analyzed 302 environmental crime raids carried out by the Federal Police in the Amazon between 2016 and 2021. Only 2% targeted

people illegally seizing undesignated public lands.

The report says the lack of enforcement likely stems from the weak legal protection of these areas, in other words, the same problem that draws the illegal activity. Environmentalists have long pressed the federal government to turn these unallocated public forests into protected areas.

Since Brazil's return to democratic rule in 1985 after two decades of military rule, most successive governments have made moves to extend the legal protection, and today about 47% of the Amazon lies within protected areas, according to official data. Far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, however, has repeatedly said the country has too many protected areas and stalled this policy.

In 2016, some 865 square miles of unallocated public land were illegally deforested. Last year, it reached almost double that amount. Over six years, the accumulated loss has reached some 7,100 square miles, according to the Amazon Environmental Research Institute, based on official data.

Deforestation is increas-

ingly taking place on these lands in particular. In 2016, they made up 31% of all illegally-felled forest. Last year, they reached 36%.

Almost half of Brazil's climate pollution comes from deforestation, according to an annual study from the Brazilian nonprofit network Climate Observatory. The destruction is so vast that the eastern Amazon has ceased to be a carbon sink, or absorber, for the Earth and is now a carbon source, according to a study published in 2021 in the journal Nature.

Igarape divides environmental crime in the Amazon into four major illicit or tainted activities: theft of public land; illegal logging; illegal mining; and deforestation linked to agri-culture and cattle farming.

The enforcement operations were spread over many locations, 846, because most investigated deep into illegal supply chains. Nearly half were in protected areas, such as the Yanomami Indigenous Territory, which, despite a heavier police presence, suffers a growing invasion by thousands of illegal gold miners.

2 firms look to beat SpaceX to ‘audacious’ Mars landing

By Kenneth Chang
The New York Times

SpaceX could lose the race to send the first private space mission to Mars. Maybe.

For years, Elon Musk, the founder and CEO of SpaceX, has talked of making humanity an interplanetary species by someday sending colonists to Mars. The company is building a giant spacecraft, Starship, with that goal in mind.

But a newer rocket company, Relativity Space, and a small startup founded by an engineer who used to head rocket engine development at SpaceX, on Tuesday announced plans to send a privately developed robotic lander to Mars. Optimistically — very optimistically — the two companies say they could do it as soon as 2½ years from now, when the positions of Earth and Mars line up again.

Timothy Ellis, the CEO and a founder of Relativity, said the way SpaceX aspired to do things “at the edge of crazy and ambitious and audacious” was an inspiration.

“Those kinds of goals attract the best people to work on them,” Ellis said. “We are more audacious than some of the other companies.”

If a commercial Mars mission succeeds, it could open a new market in which institutions, companies and national space agencies could send payloads to the red planet at an economical cost.

That would be similar to how several companies hope to make money by sending payloads to the moon for paying customers including NASA, starting as soon as later this year. But it would be on a more difficult and distant scale. A NASA mission to Mars costs at least half a billion dollars, although that includes sophisticated instruments.



Relativity Space, which could launch its first rocket soon, and Impulse Space, founded by a SpaceX veteran, are seeking to reach Mars together. RELATIVITY SPACE-IMPULSE SPACE

Ellis declined to say how much the mission would cost, but said investment money raised by Relativity, as well as revenue from its contracts to launch commercial satellites, could be enough to pay for the Mars mission. Relativity has, for example, a deal with the company OneWeb to put broadband satellites into orbit.

But there are many reasons for skepticism.

A decade ago, for example, several space companies promised riches from asteroid mining, but they went out of business without ever getting close to an asteroid. Even Musk routinely gives overly optimistic predictions for SpaceX's next milestone. (In 2016, he said Starship, which at the time was called the Interplanetary Transport System and was an even larger design, would make its first uncrewed flight to Mars by 2022.)

For now, Ellis lacks Musk's record of eventually achieving most of his big promises.

Relativity has yet to launch any rockets. The first flight of its Terran 1 rocket might occur within a few weeks from Cape Canaveral in Florida. But the Mars mission relies on a much larger rocket, Terran R, which is compa-

rable in size and lifting capability to a Falcon 9, the primary SpaceX rocket that has flown 31 times so far this year. That design is not scheduled to get off the ground until late 2024 or early 2025, Ellis said.

Relativity's collaborator, Impulse Space, is an even younger company with even less of a track record. But its founder, Thomas Mueller, is a veteran of the space business and was Employee No. 1 when Musk started SpaceX in 2002. Mueller led the development of the Merlin rocket engines that power the Falcon 9 rockets.

Mueller retired from SpaceX in 2020. A year later, he started Impulse to develop spacecraft for transportation between locations in space.

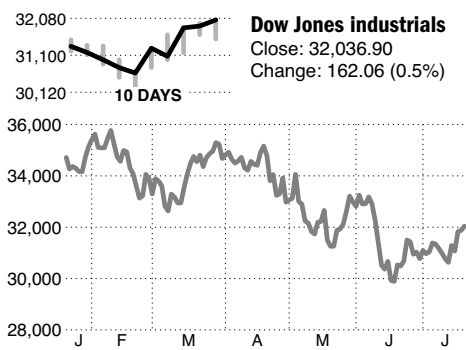
“I feel like if it's not something that's challenging and that people think is difficult and you may not be able to do it, it's not hard enough,” Mueller said. “We need to do stuff that people think can't be done.”

Landing on Mars — arriving at some 12,000 mph, not burning up in the atmosphere and then coming to a stop on the ground, in one piece, just seven minutes later — falls in the category of challenging. Only NASA and China have had successful missions on the red planet's surface.

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NYSE Comp.	14,871.13	+92.67	-13.36%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,059.61	+161.96	-22.92%
S&P 500	3,998.95	+39.05	-16.10%
S&P 400	2,417.83	+18.34	-14.93%
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Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.93	8.01	+112.65%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.15	3.28	+41.34%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,712.70	1,699.50	-6.28%
Silver (oz)	18.69	18.64	-19.89%

Foreign Exchange			
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Britain	1.1965	.8358	
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China	.1478	6.7667	
Euro	1.0195	.9809	
Japan	.007262	137.70	
Mexico	.048358	20.6791	

Money Rates			
	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.75	
3-mo. T-Bill	2.45	2.38	
6-mo. T-Bill	3.11	2.90	
5-yr T-Note	3.00	3.06	
10-yr T-Note	2.91	2.96	
30-yr T-Bond	3.07	3.10	

Global Markets				
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Frankfurt	13,246.64	-35.34	-2.7%	-16.61%
London	7,270.51	+6.20	+0.9%	-1.54%
Hong Kong	20,574.63	-315.59	-1.51%	-12.07%
Nikkei	27,803.00	+122.74	+4.4%	-3.43%

Stocks of Local Interest			
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	17.00	-.52	-37.5
AT&T Inc (T)	18.92	-1.56	-23.1
Addex Therapeutics (ADXN)	1.93	+1.01	-69.3
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	91.09	+1.66	-36.7
Alphabet Inc C (GOOG)	115.04	+.34	-20.5
Alphabet Inc A (GOOGL)	114.34	+.44	-21.1
Altice USA Inc (ATUS)	11.23	+2.05	-30.6
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	124.63	+1.86	-25.2
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	14.08	-1.13	-21.6
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.95	+1.25	-20.0
Apple Inc (AAPL)	155.35	+2.31	-12.5
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.97	+.09	-9.8
Bank of America (BAC)	33.65	+.29	-24.4
Barnes Group (B)	32.57	-.04	-30.1
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	15.50	+.05	-18.4
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1829.41	-5.39	-23.8
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	73.04	+.22	+17.1
CSX Corp (CSX)	30.99	+1.26	-17.6
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	93.19	-1.41	-9.7
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.85	-1.24	-51.0
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	38.27	+.88	-29.4
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Keycorp (KEY)	18.26	+.12	-21.1
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	50.50	+.10	-26.0
M&T Bank (MTB)	169.22	+.368	+10.2
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	31.44	+.15	-29.9
Marathon Digital Hld (MARA)	13.49	+1.02	-73.5
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	183.17	+.08	-45.5
MetLife Inc (MET)	61.11	-.17	-2.2
Novartis AG (NVS)	85.89	+1.67	-1.8
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	180.50	+2.43	-38.6
One Life Therapeutic (ONEM)	17.25	+7.07	-1.8
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	72.95	+.28	-16.2
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.49	+.38	-42.4
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.12	-.30	-13.4
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.21	+.17	-36.5
Prudential Fnci (PRU)	96.07	+.25	-11.2
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	59.60	-.04	-10.7
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	94.89	+.06	+10.3
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Rogers Corp (ROG)	268.60	+.49	-1.6
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	62.50	+1.44	-23.8
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Snap Inc A (SNAP)	16.35	+.84	-65.2
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.67	-.09	+43.1
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	115.74	+1.51	-38.6
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.56	+.13	-7.2
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.34	-.01	-41.5
Tabula Rasa Hlthcare (TRHC)	4.07	+1.47	-72.9
Terex Corp (TEX)	31.32	+.30	-28.7
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	815.12	+72.62	-22.9
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	3.75	-.19	-46.7
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Travelers Cos (TRV)	156.83	-1.37	+3
United Airlines Hldg (UAL)	37.44	-.424	-14.5
United Rentals (URI)	279.79	+4.15	-15.8
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	522.46	+2.99	+4.0
Verizon Comm (VZ)	47.66	-.141	-8.3
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Humans threaten world's oldest trees

By Faye Flam
Bloomberg Opinion

What captured people's attention about the Washburn fire in Yosemite National Park wasn't just its size or scope, but the fact that it threatened a giant sequoia with a name, Grizzly Giant, and an extreme age: It's almost 3,000 years old.

The oldest trees have scientific as well as sentimental value. There's something alarming about the thought that anything hardy enough to live through multiple millennia could now be in trouble. As it turns out, climate change is not even the worst hazard the oldest trees face.

Trees possess a quality humans had once attributed to gods: They don't age. Or as forest ecologist Nathan Stephenson puts in a more scientifically accurate way, there's a growing school of thought that trees don't undergo senescence, a programmed slide toward decline and death that puts a limit on the lives of animals.

The only way to ascertain the age of a living tree is to take a pencil-thin section from the trunk and count the rings. While scientists can pick up clues about which trees are likely to be very old, it's almost

inevitable that the oldest tree in the world is growing in a remote spot — unmeasured, unknown and unnamed.

But among known trees, the oldest grow in an arid set of jutting peaks called the White Mountains, near California's border with Nevada. They're called bristlecone pines — midsize trees, with gnarled branches that look like long-dead driftwood. The living bark and needles cover just a few strips and patches of the mostly dead wood. Bristlecones have been measured at ages close to 5,000 years, having sprouted from seeds when humans were just inventing writing on clay tablets.

The oldest ones take root in the harshest environments — the driest, windiest, roughest mountains with the chalkiest soils — places inhospitable to predators, tree-eating beetles, tree-rotting microbes and smaller plants that might build up brushfire fuel.

The ones that live in nicer spots, such as the lower-elevation hills of Death Valley, are more vulnerable, and indeed, some of those are now dying, suffering from beetle infestations and other side effects of human-generated climate change.

The very oldest trees are good at stand-

ing up to changes in climate — that's one of their superpowers — but there are some threats that even they can't endure.

The world's oldest recorded tree, called Prometheus, was killed in 1964. A scientist tried to take a core sample using a drill called an increment borer. When the instrument got stuck, the researcher called the Forest Service for help. They said there were plenty of old trees like this one and called in a crew to cut it down. After the fact, the scientist — a graduate student at the time — counted the rings and discovered it was nearly 5,000 years old.

The current oldest living tree, a bristlecone called Methuselah, endured the extraction of a tree ring core without harm, but spent years getting torn apart by tourists wanting a piece of bark. Now scientists try to keep its location secret.

Similar problems afflict a tree in Chile called Alerce Milenario, a cypress scientists recently announced as a new contender for the world's oldest tree. It's not the official record holder yet because it's rotten and has lost some of its rings, and so the scientists had to estimate its age, which they claim is around 5,400 years. Alerce Milenario attracts tourists who are

trampling its roots. Climate change it can handle, but it's not adapted to being loved to death.

And for the giant sequoias, there's another threat. Stephenson said that the trees are well adapted to a natural cycle of fire, but not to the kinds of megafires that result when humans suppress fire for decades, allowing an explosive buildup of small trees, brush and other fuel. When those finally catch, flames can rise more than 100 feet and burn the crowns. He said fires have killed 13% to 19% of all the giant sequoias in the last few years alone. Our current period of global warming and Southwestern drought are also contributing risk factors for megafires.

And of course, global warming is cause for alarm even if it spares the toughest, oldest trees. The more enduring threat of climate change is the collapse of complex ecosystems. It will leave us in a diminished world, a world less able to provide food and clean water to billions of humans. The most weather-hardened gods, looking down from their Olympus, won't miss us.

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Balance of federal, state government upended



Carl P. Leubsdorf

It's been more than a quarter-century since President Bill Clinton memorably proclaimed that "the era of big government is over."

He was premature. The ensuing 26 years have seen Democratic and Republican presidents expand federal authority: the No Child Left Behind Education Act, the Medicare Prescription Drug Act, the Affordable Care Act, the Dodd-Frank Securities Regulation Act and several measures to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic's impact.

But Clinton's proclamation is far more apt today, as a combination of factors curb the federal government's ability to address major problems and encourage states to do so.

They're reordering the federal-state balance dominated by the federal government for the last 90 years. But that is creating new problems, including sharp policy splits between Democratic-dominated states and Republican-controlled ones and increased state domination of localities.

The most obvious reason for this change is the persistent congressional gridlock preventing federal solutions to such controversial issues as voting rights, abortion, gun control and immigration.

Close national elections are one factor, since a Congress in which neither party enjoys a workable majority is a prescription for deadlock. So is today's increased partisanship — and the relative paucity of centrist lawmakers.

But more significant has been the way the Senate's innate imbalance has been exacerbated by the tendency of whichever party is in the minority to invoke the requirement of 60 votes to pass legislation; that makes it easier for the minority to keep the majority from acting.

The Supreme Court has also played an important role. Its failure to curb political gerrymandering has increased partisan-



U.S. Capitol Police watch an abortion-rights rally from behind a security fence at the Supreme Court on June 23. **NATHAN HOWARD/GETTY**

ship in the House of Representatives and state legislatures. And it has increasingly voted to restrict federal actions, including a 2013 decision curbing Justice Department enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, its reversal of its 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion ruling, and the decision curbing the Environment Protection Agency's authority to regulate greenhouse gases.

Its conservative majority is increasingly invoking the originalist theory that the federal government only has the authority specifically granted in the Constitution.

It's true that many recent cases concern issues that were not addressed when the Constitution was written in 1787, like abortion and gay marriage. Whether justified or not, the court seems likely to keep letting states decide policy in such areas and make federal actions harder to sustain.

The reaction to the abortion ruling illustrates the inconsistent fallout. Predominantly Republican states in the South and Midwest are moving to ban all abortions; Democratic ones in the Northeast and West are expanding protection for women seeking them.

On elections, blue states are generally making voting easier as red states make it harder; on gun control, blue states are curbing personal ownership of firearms, and red states are easing it; on immigration, red states are implementing more restrictive policies than Washington; and on education,

they are curbing local school districts from allowing student discussion of controversial subjects like racism.

Many conservatives have long argued that the Constitution's framers wanted this by reserving all powers not specifically granted to the states.

But starting with Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s, presidents of both parties recognized that many problems extend beyond individual states and require national solutions. That led to Roosevelt's groundbreaking New Deal federal regulatory measures, President Dwight Eisenhower's interstate highway system, President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society, and the civil rights laws Congress enacted during Democratic administrations with backing from both parties.

In theory, it's sensible to tackle some problems on the state level and others nationally. But the latter often requires compromise, and the increase in partisanship and disappearance of more centrist lawmakers have made that increasingly difficult. Besides, institutional factors on both levels are exaggerating the problem.

On the federal level, the combination of each state having two United States senators and the more rigid partisanship has allowed states representing a minority of the electorate to often out-vote ones representing the majority. Most smaller states are solidly Republican, most of the bigger ones tend to

be Democratic.

On the state level, the failure of the courts to curb partisan gerrymandering has enabled parties to convert timely election successes into permanent legislative majorities that don't always reflect public attitudes.

The poster child is Wisconsin, a closely divided state Republicans carried in seven out of nine presidential elections from 1952 to 1984 and Democrats in eight of nine since.

In 2011, the Republicans benefited from midterm election victories to create 2-to-1 majorities in both legislative houses that have outlasted future elections. The same election helped the GOP produce smaller but equally solid margins in swing states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania. Only their election of Democratic governors has limited enactment of policies at odds with their prevailing viewpoints.

But in Florida and Texas, the combination of Republican governors and solid GOP legislative majorities has enabled them to force their conservative views onto more liberal-minded localities.

One reason to transfer power from the federal to the state level was to bring it closer to the people. But malapportioned state legislatures and rigidly partisan state policies undercut that goal.

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Fiercely strong dollar also seen as vote of confidence in the US

By Tyler Cowen
Bloomberg Opinion

U.S. price inflation is at 9.1% and there is a fiercely strong dollar, a pair of statistics that was certainly unexpected a year ago and even now seems odd. On closer inspection, however, these numbers reflect a world in which the U.S. is still seen as a leader — in both economic growth and its ability to respond nimbly to crises.

Many countries are currently experiencing high inflation, but markets view the U.S. as the one most interested in setting the problem straight, and relatively soon. American voters hate inflation, the Fed is taking palliative actions, and the American political system is willing to suffer a recession to bring down inflation, as it did during the late 1970s.

The U.S. is not the only nation that will succeed in lowering its inflation rate by a fair amount. But the political equilibrium in the U.S. is probably the most transparent, if only because the U.S. is the country that everyone obsesses over on social media.

The U.S. also has less of an energy price problem than most of Europe or Japan.

That also makes the dollar a more attractive asset. Other sources of market data support pro-dollar sentiments, as five-year break-even rates — one measure of expected forthcoming inflation — have continued to fall, and they are now sitting at about 2.5%.

The longer-term prospects for the U.S. are also more favorable than current commentary implies. For instance, since 2009 the U.S. has had higher per-capita GDP growth rates than either Europe or Japan. The U.S. also has seen a more robust recovery from the pandemic than either Europe or Japan, or for that matter Latin America. China is stuck in a disastrous COVID-zero policy, and many emerging economies, most prominently Sri Lanka, are experiencing serious troubles. Russia's attack on Ukraine is a bigger problem for Europe than for North America.

Looking forward, markets may be expecting that the U.S. will extend its growth advantage over much of the rest of the world.

In addition, American soft power is far more robust than many criticisms would indicate. English is increasingly entrenched as the global language. The

world's major internet companies are still largely American, with the exception of some Chinese ones. If the internet continues to become more important in our lives, that is another plus for the U.S. — and the dollar.

America also sets a good deal of the global intellectual agenda, for better or worse. The #MeToo movement, Black Lives Matter and wokeism, among other topics, are debated around the world. A U.S. presidential election is akin to a global presidential election, in terms of interest and maybe impact. No other country can say the same.

Perhaps, in view of the larger moral picture, this is all a mixed blessing. But in terms of keeping the dollar as a focal reserve currency, it is a major plus.

There is a reason why the global intellectual chattering classes find it hard to be bullish on America, and so to them a strong dollar is counterintuitive. When one country is so much the center of global attention, it is hard for that country to look good. As my colleague Martin Gurri argues, anything studied and discussed long enough on the internet tends to lead to disillusionment. People focus on the vices

more than the virtues, and lose trust.

And so it is with the United States. Both abroad and domestically, on both the left and right, there seems to be less faith in the American dream than there was three or four decades ago. In some quarters the U.S. is seen as on the verge of collapse, or at the very least moral and intellectual ruin.

Maybe — or maybe not. During the last 20 years or so, the U.S. has faced some significant setbacks, including a terrorist attack, the Great Recession, a pandemic during which it had a high mortality rate compared to the rest of the world, and the events of Jan. 6.

But America looks so bad in part because it is so important. Most people around the world can recite the defects of America far more easily than they can those of, say, Paraguay.

The market knows better. Currencies are volatile, and the dollar's strength may not last. Still, it is a sign that, of all the countries in the world, the United States stands the best chance of making it through these troubled times relatively unscathed.

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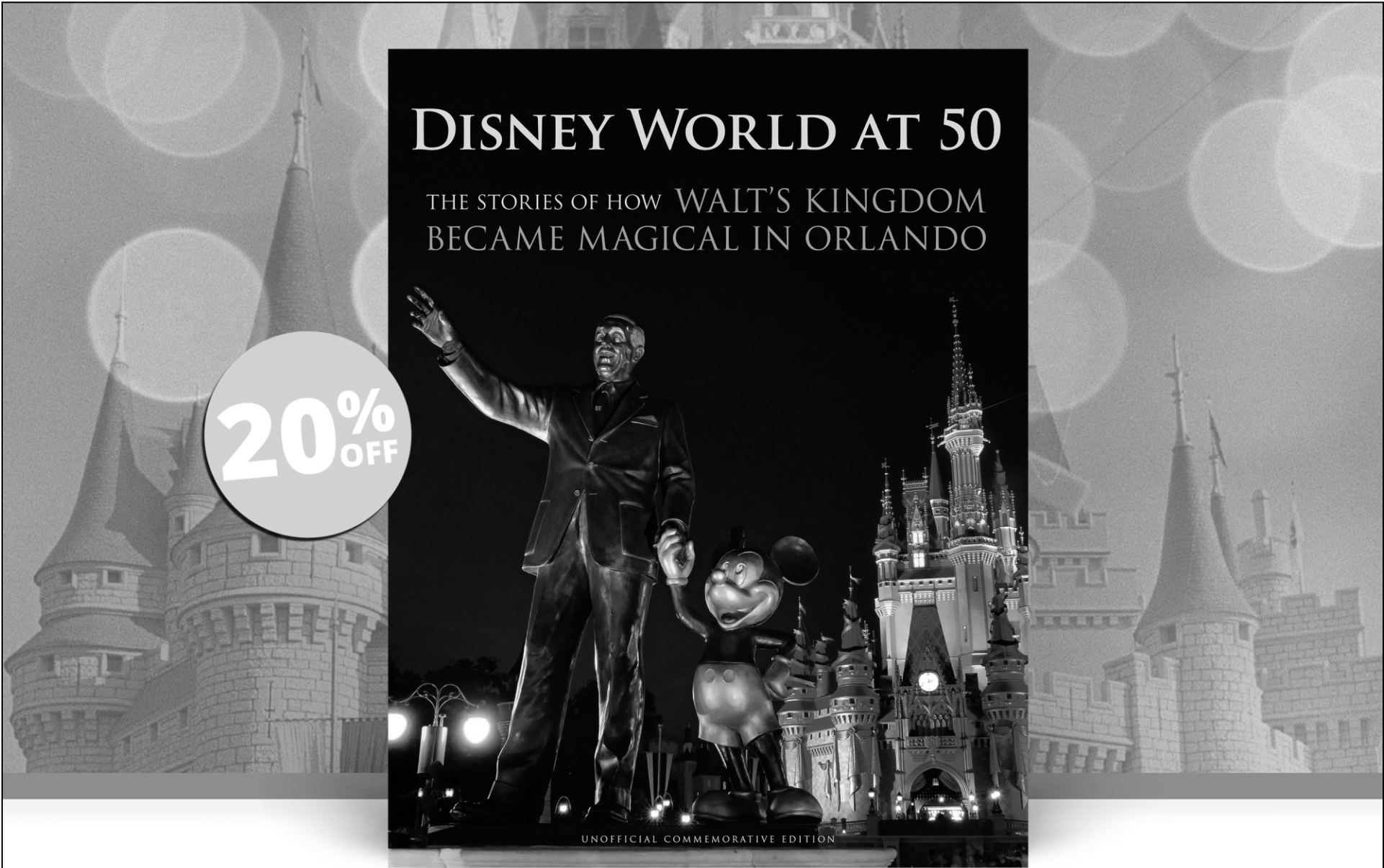
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Glenroy Burke, or “Chef Shrimpy,” at his restaurant, the Jerk Cafe, in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts. VANESSA LEROY/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

CHOWDER AND CURRY

Seasonal Jamaican cooks, chefs add to Cape Cod’s culinary delights

By Luke Pyenson
The New York Times

At the Jerk Cafe, a storefront tucked into a strip mall in the Cape Cod village of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, sweet-smelling smoke greets guests as soon as they open the front door. So does the cafe’s proprietor, Glenroy Burke, who bounces around the wide-open kitchen stirring pots, tending the grill and plating dishes. “I don’t like to be hidden in the kitchen,” Burke said, who’s also known as “Chef Shrimpy.”

For more than three decades, Jamaican cooks and chefs have been coming to Cape Cod through the H-2B visa program, which provides foreign workers with a pathway toward temporary nonagricultural jobs. A number of seasonal workers have become permanent residents or citizens. This summer, as international travel resumes and the domestic labor market remains strong, Jamaicans are again staffing kitchens of traditional Cape seafood restaurants, fine dining destinations and resorts.

And with their ingredients and cooking techniques, Jamaicans are making a mark on the region’s culinary identity, opening their own restaurants and enlivening the menus of established eateries from Hyannis to Provincetown. The taste of Cape Cod, long defined by Yankee seafood favorites, now includes flaky, golden patties, vibrant jerk rubbed-meats and turmeric-rich curries, humming with allspice.

“It’s like a cultural exchange through food,” said Byron Crooks, an H-2B visa holder from Westmoreland Parish, Jamaica, who is working as a chef at Cape Cod Caribbean Cafe this summer. “Other people get to understand us — how we talk, how we laugh, how we have conversations through food.”



A rice dish at the Jerk Cafe. Each dish ordered at the cafe comes with a banana fritter.

Shared history of bananas

The number of Jamaicans working in the United States on the H-2B program increased by 84% in the past 10 years, to 8,950 in 2021 from 4,874 in 2011, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency. Looking further back and locally, one Cape Cod-based immigration lawyer, Matthew Lee at Tocci & Lee, estimates — using data from the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce — that by the summer of 2000, 500 Jamaicans were working on the Cape, and that number increased to a high of 1,000 before the pandemic.

Burke first came to the Cape in 1997 after connecting with an H-2B recruiter in Jamaica. He had grown up in Port Antonio, Jamaica, watching his mother cook, and he eventually worked in cruise ship kitchens and at resorts. After one year as a seasonal worker, Burke received a green card and worked as a cook and marine technician in the Cape towns of Harwich and Chatham. The economic opportunity he found on the Cape motivated him to stay and pursue his dream of

opening a restaurant.

Three years after gaining U.S. citizenship, Burke opened the Jerk Cafe in 2008. The restaurant quickly became popular for its jerk; as for sides, Chef Shrimpy’s banana fritters are beloved. Used almost like a garnish, one fritter crowns each order and tastes like fried morsels of sweet banana bread.

During his childhood, Burke’s mother occasionally prepared these on Sundays. “When poor mothers and fathers didn’t have sugar, they could crush banana and put a little flour in it so that they could create something sweet for us,” he said. “I wish that she made them every day.”

Bananas form the backbone of an older, shared history between Cape Cod and Jamaica. In 1870, following a chance landing in Port Antonio, a ship captain-turned-entrepreneur from Wellfleet named Lorenzo Dow Baker introduced the fruit to the United States. The wealth he accrued from this modern banana trade led him to establish hotels in both Port Antonio and Wellfleet, where he employed Jamaican workers seasonally.

Spices in the overhead

At Mac’s On the Pier in Wellfleet, a majority-Jamaican kitchen staff makes jerk pork and a Caribbean seafood bowl alongside fried codfish sandwiches and clam chowder.

“Collaboration in the kitchen leads to more diverse and well-rounded food, so I’ve always encouraged that,” said Mac Hay, the chef and restaurateur behind the 10 Mac’s Seafood restaurants and seafood markets that dot the Cape.

The Jamaican-inspired dishes started appearing on the menu thanks to Neily Bowlin, a former chef at the Pier who now manages two Mac’s Seafood markets. About 10 years ago, Mac’s had a smoker and the restaurant was serving barbecue ribs. Bowlin suggested doing jerk pork, and Hay loved the idea.

In the earlier days, Bowlin and others would bring up pounds of allspice and jerk seasoning in their luggage, to “make the jerk just fly off the menu,” he said, laughing.

Bowlin is originally from Black River, Jamaica, an area of the country where seafood cookery is a specialty — he was well-suited to work with the ingredients local to the Cape when he arrived for his first summer in 1996.

“Back then, it was a very small, tight community,” he said. “Now, even in winter, you’re seeing a lot more Jamaicans, and they’re not just visiting here. They live here, they have families, they have houses, they have businesses.”

Crooks, the chef from Westmoreland Parish, saw the pandemic as a turning point in his career and entered the H-2B visa lottery for more opportunities.

This summer, as one of four chefs at Cape Cod Caribbean Cafe, he makes dishes like unctuous oxtail, saturated in a rich, auburn gravy and studded with chunks of potato and broad beans. Quality is vital.

“We try to make it as authentic as possible,” Crooks said. “All the chefs here basically learned to cook from our grandparents.”

Explore the Sonoran Desert in Gilbert, Arizona

By Lacey Pfalz
TravelPulse

Gilbert, Arizona, is just southeast of Phoenix and offers a wide variety of attractions, but one of its biggest draws is also one of its most natural: the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch.

The preserve was created for water management and wildlife preservation, as well as for the education and recreation of people. It’s classified by the

National Audubon Society as an important bird area, with 298 different species calling the preserve their home.

The Riparian Preserve is easy to access and enjoy, with 4.5 miles of trails for walking, biking, hiking or horseback riding. Plus, it’s pet-friendly, so you can bring your pooch along, as long as it’s cool enough. (Tip: If you’re visiting Gilbert during the summer, you’ll want to visit the preserve in the early morn-

ing or later at night to avoid dangerous levels of heat.)

Visiting families can also choose other activities, like bird-watching, nature photography, painting, fishing at the lake, picnicking, camping and visiting a dinosaur dig site and an astronomy observatory.

The observatory is open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings, as long as there’s good weather, as well as during key astronomical events, like eclipses and meteor

showers.

Travelers who have never been to a desert before will find the preserve charming and educational. With saguaro cactus, migratory hummingbirds, flowering desert blooms and a stunning variety of mammals that range from desert cottontail rabbits to coyotes, it’s a great example of the persistence of desert life and the adaptations both plants and animals have in order to live there.



A gila woodpecker is pictured at the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in Gilbert, Arizona, where nearly 300 different species of birds can be found. DREAMSTIME

It’s time to relax in the Black Forest



Rick Steves

Germans are famous for excelling. While notoriously well-organized and efficient, they are also experts at relaxing. Explore Germany’s Black Forest — with its venerable trails and world-class mineral spas — and you’ll know what I mean.

A mix of Edenism and hedonism, the Black Forest is popular with German holidaygoers and tourists looking for serious R&R, clean air, cuckoo clocks, countless hiking possibilities, and chocolate cakes layered with cherries and drenched in schnapps. The forest stretches in a hilly 100-mile range along Germany’s southwestern border with France. The region got its name because its forests are so thick the locals called them black.

Tooling around by car, you get a feeling the area is steeped in tradition. That feeling is confirmed at the Black Forest Open-Air Museum in Gutach, where six fully restored farm-houses dating as far back as the 17th century are stocked with artifacts illustrating long-gone lifestyles. Here, you’ll learn why farmers in centuries past, with little to do during the long winters, were absolutely cuckoo for clockmaking. With its clockmaking heritage, it’s no wonder this region has what I consider Europe’s best clock museum. The German Clock Museum in Furtwangen is more than a chorus of cuckoo clocks; it traces the development of clocks from the Dark Ages to the space age.

The Black Forest’s top attraction — and a fine springboard for all that woodsy fun — is the spa town of Baden-Baden. A hundred and fifty years ago this was the playground of Europe’s high-rolling elite.



Baden-Baden’s casino has the elegance of a royal palace, but anyone who pays the fee and meets the dress code can come. **SANDRA HUNDACKER**

Royalty and aristocracy came from all corners to take the Kur — a soak in the curative (or at least they feel that way) mineral waters — and to enjoy the world’s top casino. Today, this lush town of 55,000 attracts a more middle-class crowd.

During non-gambling hours the still-impressive casino welcomes visitors with tours every morning. Marlene Dietrich, one of many famous visitors over the years, declared it “the most beautiful casino.” Built in 1850 and inspired by the Palace of Versailles, it’s filled with chandeliered rooms honoring French royalty who never set foot in the place. But many French commoners did. Gambling was illegal in 19th-century France

... and Baden-Baden was conveniently just over the German-French border.

Even if you’re not a gambler, it’s fun to witness this casino in action. Sipping a glass of sprightly white German wine, you can lean against a gilded statue and listen to the graceful reshuffling of personal fortunes.

In the German-speaking world, when you see a town with the word “Bad” in its name, it is (or was) a mineral spa. Bad Ischl, Bad Aussee, Bad Neustadt, Bad Kissingen ... there are plenty. But there’s only one Baden-Baden — and (as its name suggests) it offers what I consider the ultimate spa experience in a park overlooking the old town. Be warned: The

dress code is nude (and can be co-ed if you choose) — a surprise for many Americans.

Baden-Baden’s venerable Roman-Irish Bath is traditional, stately, indoors, not very social and extremely relaxing ... it’s just you, the past and your body. Enter a steamy domed world of marble, brass columns, herons and lily pad tiles.

Like many Americans, I feel awkward when I’m naked in public. Being naked and unable to speak the language ... in a steamy place where I can’t wear my glasses ... I feel a little like Mr. Magoo.

I go for the works (\$40, 2-3 hours). First, a stern woman dressed like a nurse gives me industrial-strength flip-flops and directs me into a torrential shower. Then she instructs me to lie — facedown — on something as charming as an X-ray table. With her coarse mittens scratching me from my heels to the small of my neck, she lathers me up and gives me a rubdown. Then with a fat Teutonic spank she makes it clear ... the rubdown’s over. Wrapped in a hot towel, I’m set free to work my way deeper into the steamy complex.

Following the suggested regime, I begin a two-hour ritual of steam rooms, hot pools, cold plunges and finally the quiet room — where my nurse reappears. She wraps me in a thick warmed blanket and tucks me in — cocoon-style — on the nearest of a roomful of

beds, where I lie in prenatal peace.

Feeling extremely clean and extremely relaxed, I step back out into the park-like city. I look up at the statue of Emperor Caracalla — who is said to have soaked his rheumatism away right here nearly 2,000 years ago. I give him a knowing wink, thankful for the timeless joys of Baden-Baden.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

‘Virgin River’ actor doesn’t stay in one place for too long

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Zibby Allen played a nurse for six years on “Grey’s Anatomy” before appearing in “Bates Motel,” “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” and “30 Second Somebodies.” Her latest projects include the Netflix series “Virgin River” and the Lifetime TV movie “Lies Between Friends.”

Asked if she thought either of her last two fictional characters would make a good traveling companion, Allen said, “That’s a fun question. I think Brie from ‘Virgin River’ would be a rad travel companion, actually. She’s resourceful, organized, self-sufficient, loves a drink and isn’t afraid to take risks. Self-sufficiency is a valuable quality for travel, I think. You’re truly venturing into the unknown anytime you go somewhere new and it helps to have that kind of confident self-trust to navigate it all. Brie’s got that in spades. On the other hand, my character in ‘Lies Between Friends’ might be just a bit too uptight for travel. Ha!”

Q: You were born and raised in the Bay Area. Where’s home now?
A: Right now I’m stationed in Vancouver, British Columbia, where “Virgin River” films. Otherwise, my husband and I split our time living between Los Angeles, Edinburgh and Vancouver. My job isn’t very conducive to staying in one place for too long. Luckily, we kind of prefer living that way for now.

Q: What’s it like filming in Canada?
A: Honestly, filming “Virgin River” in British Columbia has been one of



“Virgin River” actor Zibby Allen said that visiting Greece would be her ultimate vacation. **KRISTINE COFSKY**

the most beautiful places I’ve worked so far. The scenery is a huge feature of the show.

It’s as stunning in person as it looks on the screen. I’m a nature lover, so the luxury of working among the redwoods, next to flowing rivers or on mountaintops is a grounding perk. The only time it’s not so fun is when it’s super rainy or cold. Wardrobe gives us heated vests to put under our costumes, which helps, but trying to say lines with frozen lips is hilarious and horrible all at once.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?
A: I recently visited a little seaside town on the Oregon coast called Manzanita. It’s quaint with essentially one small street that serves as downtown. It’s lined with wonderful bakeries, cafes and an awesome winery where you can bring your dog and sit by a fire pit while you sip on wine and eat their deliciously prepared snacks. The beach is absolutely stunning for walks and relaxation. It’s great for a couples’ trip or small family getaway.

Q: What’s the most important thing you’ve learned from your travels?
A: Not to skimp on accom-

modations or flights, like signing up for four layovers versus one just to save a little bit of money. Anytime I have, I’ve regretted it deeply. If you’re going to travel, do it well.

No point in compromising, because there’s nothing worse than coming home from a trip and feeling like you need a vacation from your vacation.

Q: If you’ve ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?
A: It’s always Christmas in Scotland. The Christmas markets, the cozy pub life, fireplaces, dear friends and chunky sweaters all just make this California girl feel like she’s having a real winter holiday.

Plus the whole city of Edinburgh is generally just magical over the holidays.

Q: What would be your dream trip?
A: Greece! Any of the islands. All of the islands. I’m dying to experience Greece. I think three to four weeks in Greece staying on various islands would be so dreamy.

It’s a long time to be away but I don’t like feeling like a tourist. I like immersing myself in the places I’m staying, slowly on easy time.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Amtrak offers voucher after ‘service disruption’

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: My husband and I were scheduled to take the Amtrak Auto Train from Sanford, Florida, to Washington, D.C., two years ago. We received a surprising text message at noon the day before departure that our train was canceled because of a “service disruption” and that there was no other transportation available. The message advised me to call Amtrak right away to reschedule. When I called, a representative told me the next available train was three days later. We could not wait three days. It was a confusing time. People across the country were scared because of the pandemic. Hotels and restaurants were closing, and the governor of Florida was telling visitors to go home. We decided to follow the governor’s instructions, and we drove 1,500 miles to Massachusetts. When we got home, I called Amtrak and requested a refund. An Amtrak representative told me I could not have a cash credit but offered a voucher for travel within two years. Amtrak then sent me the travel credit, also identified on the paper as a voucher code and voucher value. I am elderly and have health concerns, so a travel credit or voucher is of no help. I am requesting a refund. Is there anything you can do to get an \$834 refund for us?
— Cynthia Donahue, Bedford, Massachusetts

A: I think Amtrak may have overlooked something with your ticket. According to the rail carrier, if it cancels your train, your fare is refundable. That’s an industrywide practice, by the way — even airlines offer full refunds when they cancel flights. You should have had an option to receive either a voucher or a refund.

But as you said, it was a confusing time. Two years ago, we were at the beginning of the pandemic. Travel companies were desperately trying to save cash. It wasn’t unusual to find airlines or hotels trying to force customers into accepting a nonrefundable voucher with a defined expiration date. I wasn’t there when Amtrak

canceled your train, and I don’t know the exact circumstances, but it looks like that might have been what had happened to you and your husband.

By the way, you seem to have done everything right. The Auto Train is a terrific way to save time and do something good for the environment. You also followed the directions of local authorities and returned home at the outset of the pandemic, instead of staying in Florida a moment longer.

If you didn’t like the way Amtrak handled your ticket credit, you could have reached out to one of the Amtrak executives that I list on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/amtrak/. Another option: File a dispute on your credit card under the Fair Credit Billing Act. But you have to act fast. You only have 60 days to dispute the charges, so at this point, that option is off the table.

I contacted Amtrak on your behalf. It offered you a full refund for your tickets, which you gratefully accepted.

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CELEBRITIES

U2 among Kennedy Center honorees

From news services

It's going to be a "Beautiful Day" for the band U2 and four other artists when they receive this year's Kennedy Center Honors in December. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced Thursday that the Irish rock band along with actor George Clooney, singers Gladys Knight and Amy Grant, and composer Tania Leon are being honored this year.

The center generally honors five people annually for influencing American culture through the arts. But bands and other groups sometimes get honors, too. Disco-funk band Earth, Wind & Fire was the most recent, in 2019, the year the children's TV show "Sesame Street" was honored.

Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter said in an interview that her group has "worked really hard to think about 'Are we including all of the performing arts?'" as it hands out its awards.

She singled out Grant's music in particular as a different genre being represented in the honors this year. "We've had gospel before. We've had plenty of R&B and soul. ... We've had country music, but we haven't necessarily had Amy Grant and Christian pop in the same way."

This is the 45th year of the honors, which will include a gala performance Dec. 4 in Washington, D.C. The show will be broadcast on CBS at a later date.

Rutter said the honor is "not about one work that happens to be popular this year. Or one movie. Or one piece of choreography." It's "about lifetime achievement."

Martin restraining order case closed: A Puerto Rico court "archived" a restraining order issued against superstar Ricky Martin,



U2, including its singer Bono, above, will receive the Kennedy Center Honors in December. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2018

meaning the case was closed, a judicial spokesperson said Thursday.

The case had brought intense media attention, and without giving details, the Puerto Rican singer had only denied any wrongdoing. On Thursday, hours after the court ruling, he said that he was a "victim of lies" from a relative.

"I've been working onstage in the public eye for almost four decades," he said on a video released by his publicists. "And I've never, ever had to deal with anything as painful as what I've been through in the last two weeks."

In early July, a judge issued a restraining order against the Puerto Rican singer. The order was filed under Puerto Rico's domestic violence law, but police didn't provide further details.

On Thursday, "the petitioner ceased his claims voluntarily; therefore the case was archived," the judicial spokesperson said.

Singer Hart dies: William "Poogie" Hart, a founder of the Grammy-winning trio the Delfonics who helped write and sang a soft lead tenor on such classic "Sound of Philadelphia" ballads as "La-La (Means I Love You)" and "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)," has died at age 77. His son Hadi told The New York Times that Hart died July 14 at a Philadelphia hospital. The cause was complications during surgery. From the late 1960s to the mid-1970s, the Delfonics had six top 40 pop hits and more than a dozen top 20 R&B hits.

July 22 birthdays: Actor Louise Fletcher is 88. Singer George Clinton is 81. Actor Danny Glover is 76. Singer Don Henley is 75. Actor Albert Brooks is 75. Actor Willem Dafoe is 67. Actor John Leguizamo is 62. Singer Emily Saliers is 59. Actor David Spade is 58. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 49. Singer Selena Gomez is 30.



ASK AMY

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Annual hiking trip leaves children in tears

Dear Amy: My husband and I don't have children, but we are friends with many couples who do.

Before they had children, one couple used to do an annual hiking weekend with us. Once the kids came along, they wanted to continue this tradition and bring the kids.

Amy, I love spending time with our friends' children, but this trip is not a kid-friendly experience.

Last year, their children, ages 2 and 4, cried almost the entire time as they were dragged through the heat on rough terrain for eight hours, where their parents expected them to walk most of it.

I didn't blame these children for hating it. It wasn't fun for anyone.

I do not want to go on this trip this year, and I'd like to find a way to be honest about why, without having them think that we don't want to spend time with their kids.

I suggested to them that we do a shorter day trip on some easier trails nearby because the kids would enjoy that more.

They replied that they wish to teach their kids "stamina" and that we can "give them breaks, and they'll be fine."

I disagree and think the trip will be a disaster again.

Is there any other polite way of eliminating this trip, at least until the kids are older?

— *Trying to be Accommodating*

Dear Trying: I can well imagine what this hike to hell and back was like for everyone, and I don't blame you for not wanting to repeat it.

You should be

completely honest about this. Tell them, "It killed me to see the kids so uncomfortable during the hike. I only want to do this if we can do a shorter and more kid-friendly hike."

That's it. That's you stating your own needs.

They might give you all sorts of reasons why it would be easier for the children this year. You can reply: "I know I'm not a parent, and maybe that's why it's so hard for me to see them struggle. I love your children, and I want them to have a better time. If they have a good time, I'll have a good time. But I need to take a different excursion."

Dear Amy: My daughter's mother-in-law, who lives in another state, is very strong-willed.

I am throwing my daughter a baby shower, and her MIL invited her neighbor and the neighbor's daughter to the shower, without asking me first. She refused to throw one locally for my daughter, who lives near her.

She did recently throw a gender reveal party for my daughter and son-in-law and I contributed substantially. However, when I asked to invite my cousin, who lives in the area, I was told no. Although I was disappointed, I didn't say anything because I did not think it appropriate.

When my daughter told me that her MIL had invited these extra people, I said no because we were already at capacity.

In response, she and my son-in-law became very upset, and my son-in-law argued with me.

I gave in, but then MIL said she now would not

come and neither will her other daughter-in-law, who was supposed to drive with her. My son-in-law blames me.

I felt she was out of line to invite these people without asking me first. My daughter is afraid of her and just wants to get along. I relented for the sake of the relationship and even messaged: "Sorry you won't be joining us," but apparently this was not enough. Your thoughts?

— *Setting Boundaries*

Dear Setting: I think you've done a good job of trying to navigate this.

Understand that if you set boundaries that feel right to you, you might be teaching your daughter to do the same.

Given that she lives closer to her mother-in-law than to you (and that her husband advocates for his mother), once this baby comes, she might need some real love, patience and emotional support from you.

Dear Amy: I was deeply moved by your response to the letter from the grandmother ("Offended Gran") whose grandson wore a gown to his prom.

I am 73 and transgender.

I am married and have many grandchildren.

I remember how alone I felt when I was that boy's age. Thank you.

— *T*

Dear T: We can all hope that younger transgender people don't feel so alone.

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Dwayne Johnson, seen July 13, will be the week's first emcee. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Boatload of comedians anchors Discovery's Shark Week lineup

By Gina Salamone
New York Daily News

Here's hoping sharks have a sense of humor.

A boatload of comedians are on board for this year's Shark Week, the Discovery Channel's annual fish-filled TV extravaganza.

Tracy Morgan, the cast of "Jackass" and the stars of truTV's "Impractical Jokers" are among the special guests who filmed programs for the event that kicks off July 24.

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson will serve as Shark Week's first master of ceremonies. He'll open and close the first five nights of Shark Week, and detail what's to come.

"I filmed exclusively in my home state of Hawaii, these beautiful predators, Aumakua (gods), are deeply revered and respected in our Polynesian culture," Johnson wrote on Instagram.

"Tracy Morgan Presents: Sharks! with Tracy Morgan" gets its world premiere July 28 on Discovery and its streaming service, Discovery+.

"Tracy Morgan teams up with shark experts throughout the country to identify the craziest and most ferocious sharks in the ocean," the channel

recently announced. "From rare species to stealth predators, Tracy shows off his favorite sharks and their incredible capabilities and adaptations."

On July 24, viewers can catch "Jackass Shark Week 2.0" on Discovery and Discovery+, featuring the cast of the MTV stunt show.

"Johnny Knoxville, Chris Pontius, Wee Man, Jasper, Dark Shark, Zach Holmes and Poopies are back to finish what they started," according to Discovery. "After Knoxville sent the guys on a terrifying Shark Week mission last year, Knoxville is joining the boys as they head out to get their friend Poopies over his fear of sharks."

It was previously announced that the "Impractical Jokers" cast — James "Murr" Murray, Brian "Q" Quinn and Sal Vulcano — would take part in the fin-tastic event this year. Their special, "Impractical Jokers Shark Week Spectacular" will premiere July 26.

"The Impractical Jokers are the kings of hijinks and fearlessness in the face of public humiliation but see what happens when they set out to dispel the myth that sharks are man-eating

beasts the only way they know how — with extreme, mortifying challenges and dares," Discovery says of the program.

In all, this summer's Shark Week will pack in 25 original episodes "that deliver never-seen footage of walking sharks, awe-inspiring breaches and more shocking predations captured on-camera by dedicated science and research field teams," according to Discovery.

The channel's parent company, Warner Bros. Discovery, will also roll out Shark Week content on some of its other properties, including TBS, TNT, truTV, Food Network, CNN and Cartoon Network.

New filming locations this year range from the Exuma Islands in the Bahamas to Papua New Guinea.

"Working with dozens of the world's most respected marine biologists and science institutions, the week's program slate spotlights innovative shark technology to further research about these elusive creatures and their mating and migration patterns, while also sharing findings of a new, undescribed species," Discovery said.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): You are entering into a time focused on self-expression. Criticisms that you receive can spur you on to great things. In fact, you may begin believing success is the best revenge! You could catapult yourself into a more vibrant time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Freedom is now the best medicine for your fear. The expectations of others, or even your expectations for yourself, could trap you, putting dangerous amounts of pressure on your mind and soul. Try to release some tension by allowing yourself more room to do things you enjoy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A teacher or mentor could bring you down today. They end up adding to your list of concerns, or worse, shooting down a dream you had. It does not have to box you in. In fact, their restrictiveness might be just what you need to motivate yourself to prove them wrong.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You may want to be more outgoing, but a current issue might be pulling you back. There might always be a tug-of-war between sharing your life with others and protecting your heart, but you can achieve internal balance. It's OK to wear your heart on your sleeve occasionally.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone you care about deeply may hurt you soon. Regardless of their intentions, they could make you fear that your achievement isn't that important or even make you feel like an embarrassment. Despite this setback, dust yourself off and try to express your feelings to this person.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may shake your faith today. This person probably seemed like they were in your corner, but you've now discovered them doing their best to sow doubt in your mind. Not everyone has your best intentions at heart. Don't let them get in your head when it comes to your self-confidence.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might find that someone you were attracted to is not who you thought, which has your interest in them quickly waning. While this is likely not the outcome you wanted, it can free you up to experience new people you would have otherwise missed out on.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your family may disprove of someone in your life. This can easily spark conflict between you and them and the one they're judging. While you may not be willing to disappoint either person, someone will be unhappy. You should decide who gets to be it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your sacrifices might not be appreciated by people on your team currently. They could even be in denial of the ways in which you helped them. While you can't go back and change the way things were, you can decide how you'll conduct yourself going forward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial issues may hold you back today. No matter how much you want to be a part of something going on now, the price tag could be a bit too steep for you to rationalize paying for it. You may be saving for something else. Either way, skipping this will likely work out for the best in the long run.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Self-criticism could be your worst enemy at the moment. Pushing yourself hard is one thing — tearing yourself down is another. Ask yourself what you're gaining from treating yourself like someone you can't stand. Consider positive self-talk and you'll likely end up with better results.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your worries might be holding you back from saying what you really want to say. Someone may make a statement you disagree with, but you may continually restrain yourself from chiming in. Decide what you're afraid will happen, and move forward with confidence.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 22, 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1937, the U.S. Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1967, American author, historian and poet Carl Sandburg died at his North Carolina home at age 89.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested Jeffrey Dahmer.

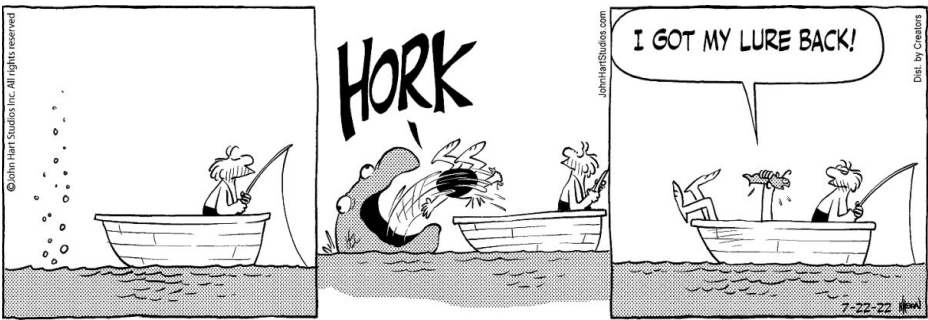
In 1992, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escaped from his luxury prison near Medellin.

In 2020, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, was among those tear-gassed by U.S. government agents as he appeared outside a courthouse during protests.

For Better Or For Worse



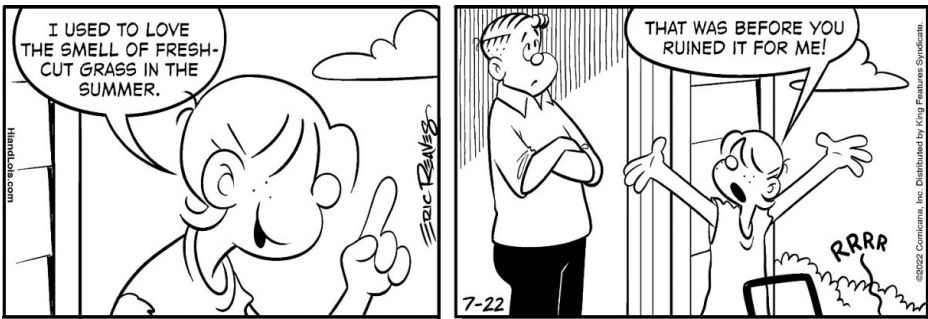
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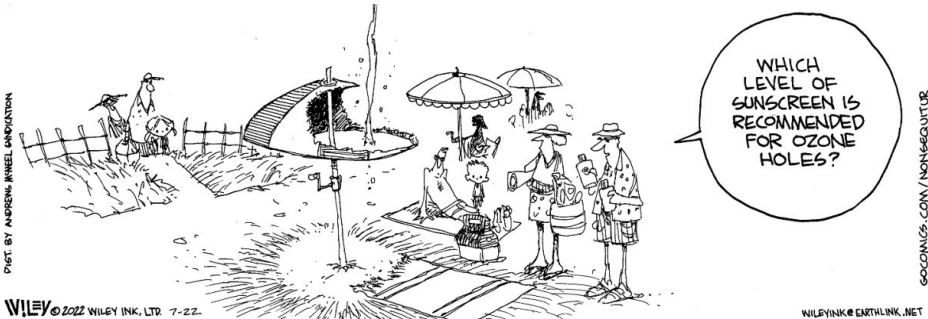
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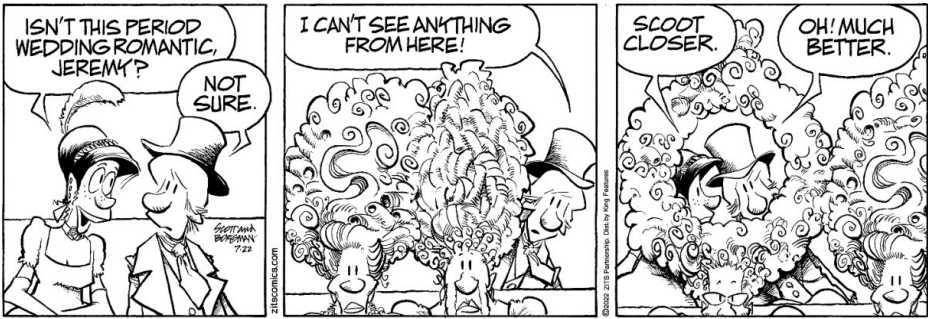
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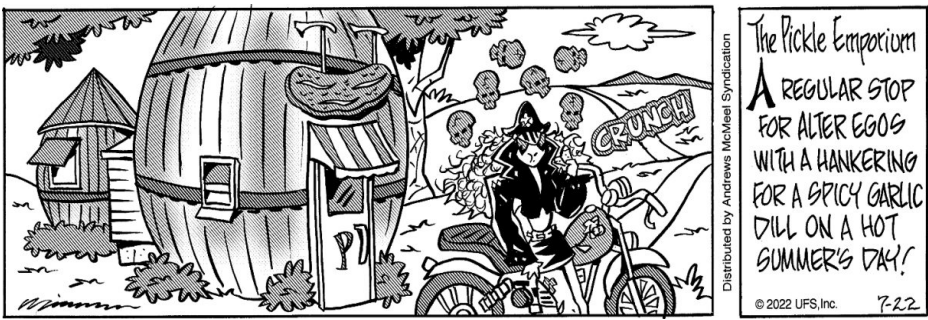
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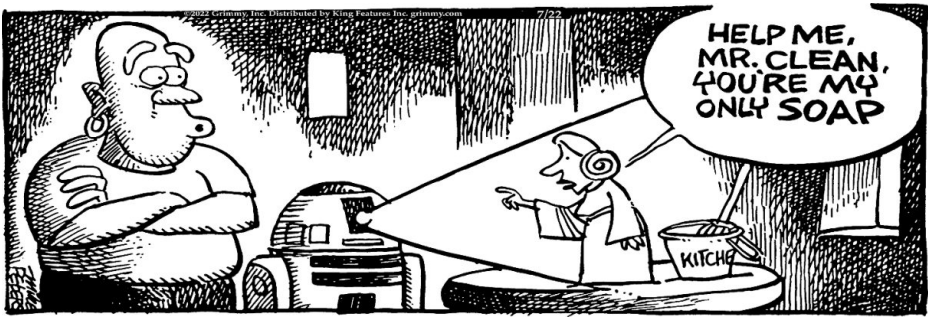
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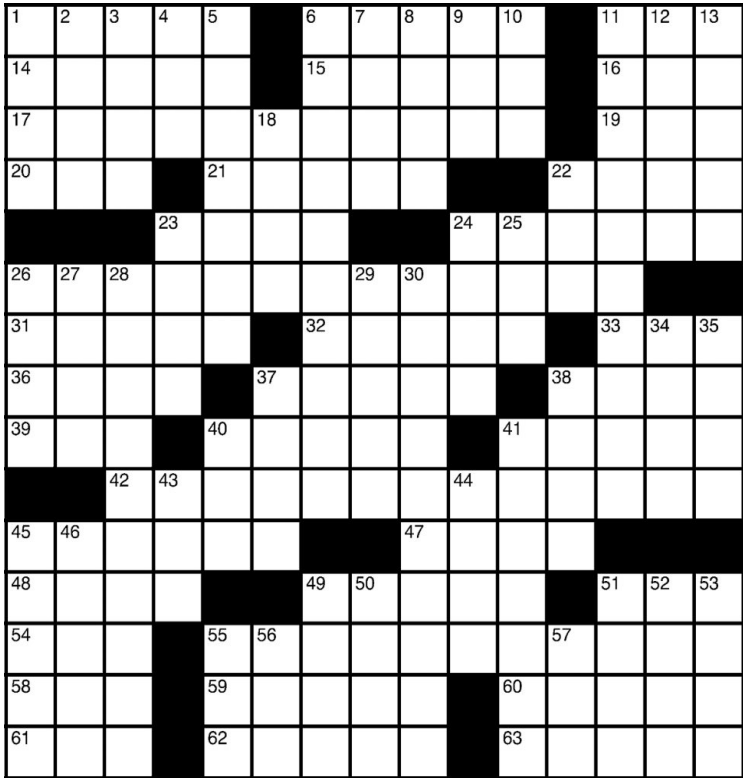
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

- Across
- 1 Luxurious
 - 6 Bubble tea insert
 - 11 Sweet sandwich, for short
 - 14 A Marx brother
 - 15 Small crown
 - 16 Grammy winner Corinne Bailey
 - 17 Medical pro who avoids the rear of the ship?
 - 19 Approximate fig.
 - 20 Actor Mineo
 - 21 Yarns
 - 22 Key near Alt
 - 23 Farmers market buy
 - 24 Rum cocktail
 - 26 Medical pro who holds a pal's hand in a tattoo parlor?
 - 31 Actress Zellweger
 - 32 Eucalyptus eater
 - 33 Plant juice
 - 36 Peak
 - 37 The Good Book
 - 38 Top-ranked
 - 39 Sorrow
 - 40 "What a pity"
 - 41 Aerial photo-graphy craft
 - 42 Medical pro who engineers hairpin turns?
 - 45 ABCs
 - 47 Plus
 - 48 Big trade show
 - 49 Noncom-mittal
 - 51 Investi-gative journalist
 - 54 Long of "Empire"
 - 55 Medical pro who is a sick chess player?
- Down
- 1 Many profs
 - 2 "The Secrets We Kept" novelist Prescott
 - 3 River to the Caspian
 - 4 Sunblock letters
 - 5 Quick, provocative opinion
 - 6 Unexpected smack?
 - 7 Laundry brand
 - 8 Old T-shirts, maybe
 - 9 "___ we good?"
- 10 Simple card game
- 11 In the not-too-distant future
- 12 Iraq port city
- 13 Actor who plays the Emperor in 2020's "Mulan"
- 18 "The Persistence of Memory" painter
- 22 Spain's El ___
- 23 "Where creativity clicks" construction toy
- 24 Slip-on shoe
- 25 Programming pioneer Lovelace
- 26 Sketch
- 27 Forfeited auto
- 28 "Please give me some alone time"
- 29 Sour
- 30 Birds of prey that were once endangered
- 34 Basketball Hall of Famer Donovan
- 35 Social equal
- 37 Bigwig
- 38 Best Picture winner set in Iran
- 40 Jiff
- 41 Pathology study
- 43 ___ Grande
- 44 Run-down area
- 45 Box lunch?
- 46 The first "A" in CAT scan
- 49 Dreadful
- 50 Came to rest
- 51 Terse affirmation
- 52 Turn down
- 53 Painter's calculation
- 55 Genetic info carrier
- 56 Director Reiner
- 57 Mani-pedi place



By Zachary David Levy Tribune Content Agency 7/22/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and open One Diamond. Partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠ AK7 ♥ — ♦ KQ9743 ♣ AJ85
- 2. ♠ 5 ♥ Q974 ♦ AK82 ♣ AQ94
- 3. ♠ K96 ♥ AJ5 ♦ KJ8753 ♣ 10
- 4. ♠ 73 ♥ AK10 ♦ KQJ94 ♣ AJ7

1. Two clubs. The value of a hand rises or falls depending on the bids made by your partner and/or the opponents. In this case, for example, when partner responds with one heart, the value of your hand falls at least a couple of points. It is bad news to hear that partner has length in a suit where you're void. Your first reaction to the unwelcome heart response should be to draw in your horns and take things easy until you learn whether or not the hand is a complete misfit.

In line with this, you rebid two clubs. A great advantage of this call is that it is ambiguous since an opening bidder's change of suit may be based on anywhere from 13 to 18 points. What happens next depends mostly on partner's reaction to two clubs. The original promise of the hand would be restored if, for example, partner were to jump to three diamonds or raise to three clubs.

2. Three hearts. There is obviously a good chance for game, but you must allow for the possibility that partner's response may have been based on absolute minimum values (six or seven points). In fact, if his hand is so bad that he passes three hearts, he may have trouble making even nine tricks. Your hand is certainly too good for only two hearts; including distribution, it's worth about 18 points.

3. Two hearts. It is better to show your heart support at once than to rebid your six-card diamond suit. Either rebid puts you in the minimum opening range, but the immediate heart raise has the merit of indicating that most of your cards are in diamonds and hearts. This in turn suggests that you have shortness in spades and/or clubs.

4. Three hearts. Partner will expect you to have four-card support for the jump-raise, but when you show up with 18 high-card points and the A-K-10 of trump, he may find it in his heart to forgive you for having only three.

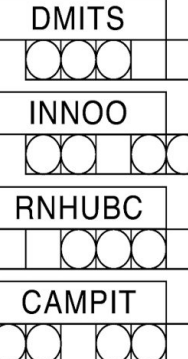
Unfortunately, there simply isn't any better bid available. So, while it may be argued that three hearts is not a perfect bid, it nevertheless comes closer than anything else you can do to picture the potential of your hand.

Tomorrow: The long-range view.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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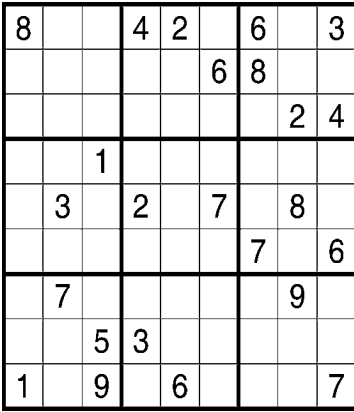


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

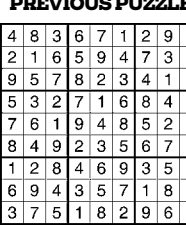
Yesterday's Jumbles: MUDDY BERET GENTRY ALLEGE Answer: When the company's board members voted to raise prices, the — GREEDY AGREED

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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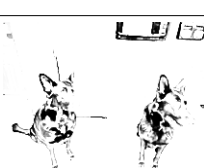
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LEGAL NOTICE Request for Qualifications

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tion of contract plans and documents for the
following transportation project:

State Project No. 56-323 - Congestion
Mitigation and Air Quality Grant Program
U.S. Route 1 Corridor Adaptive Signal Control
Technology
29 Signalized Intersections

The Consulting Engineering firm selected
may also be required to provide survey, pre-
pare environmental documents and perform
construction inspection. The construction
cost is expected to be in the range of
\$3,000,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00.

Firms responding to the request should be
of adequate size and sufficiently staffed to
perform the assignment described above.

The Consulting Engineering firm will be
evaluated and selected based on design and
technical competence, qualifications of as-
signed staff, experience with similar projects,
content and quality of proposal, awareness
of project issues, including knowledge of
Federal, State and Municipal procedures,
appropriately weighted in descending order
of importance. A Request for Qualifications,
which describes the selection process, is
available on the Purchasing Department's
page of the Town of Greenwich's website
(www.greenwichct.org/bids).

The design fee will be negotiated on a Lump
Sum basis. The construction inspection fee
will be negotiated on cost-plus basis.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
(DBE) sub consultant goal will be Zero
percent (0%) of the original agreement value.

The selected firm must meet all Municipal,
State and Federal affirmative action and
equal employment opportunity practices.

A letter of interest, together with general
information on the firm and proposed sub
consultants, the firm's brochure, current
Federal Form SF330, experience of the
firms, and resumes of key personnel shall be
addressed to: Gabriella M. Cirocsta-Coehee,
PE., Town of Greenwich Department of Public
Works located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall
at 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT
06830. Additionally, all interested firms
must submit a detailed statement including
the organizational structure under which
the firm proposes to conduct business.
Proposed sub consultants should be clearly
identified. The relationship to any "parent"
firm or subsidiary firm, with any of the parties
concerned, must be clearly defined.

Personnel in responsible charge of the
projects will be required to possess and
maintain a valid Connecticut Professional
Engineer's License. All letters of interest
must be received in a sealed envelope at the
above address no later than 3:00 p.m. on
August 26, 2022. Responses received after
this date will not be considered.
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Connecticut

INVITATION FOR BID

The Human Resources Agency of New Britain,
Inc. (HRA) will receive bids for the USDA,
Child and Adult Care Food Program CACFP
until 3:00 p.m. on the 9th day of August,
2022 at the HRA Conference Room, 180
Clinton Street, New Britain, CT 06053, at
which time all bids will be publicly opened
and read aloud. This project consists of:
Food preparation and delivery services for
breakfast, lunch and snacks from the kitchen
at 180 Clinton Street, New Britain, CT to
approximately 322 pre-school children and
48 toddlers at the 180 Clinton Street Early
Childhood location. The vendor will also be
preparing and delivering breakfast, lunch and
snacks for approximately an additional 162
pre-school children and 16 toddlers in total
at four other sites. They are as follows: North
Oak and Marian Heights facilities in New
Britain and 55 South Street and 254 Lake
Avenue locations in Bristol CT.

The Bid Documents are available for review
and may be obtained at 180 Clinton Street,
commencing on the 25th day of July 2022.
A tour of the facility is scheduled for 10:00
a.m. on the 4th day of August 2022. To be
eligible for the tour, all interested bidders
must call 860-225-4688 by 2:00 p.m. on the
3rd day of August 2022 to register.
The Human Resources Agency reserves the
right to accept or reject any or all bids or any
part of a bid presented, or to invite proposals
as its interest may appear. For more infor-
mation, please contact:
James Frohn
Director of Finance and Sustainability
HRA of New Britain, Inc. 180 Clinton Street
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Request for Proposals for Educational Asset
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHESTER, DEEP RIVER,
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River, Connecticut are requesting proposals
from Education Consulting Firms to conduct
a comprehensive Consultation & Audit of the
Safety & Security Environment in place at the
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able at www.reg4.k12.ct.us. Proposals will be
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Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI) invites
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at ten locations in Connecticut and one in
Rhode Island.
Proposals are due not later than 12 PM on
Wednesday September 7, 2022.
A mandatory prebid meeting and site visits
will take place Monday August 8, 2022 at
9:00 AM.
Please see the detailed Request For
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WEATHER

FRIDAY



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HIGH 96°
LOW 70°

SATURDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny, hot and humid.

HIGH 96°
LOW 72°

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, hot and very humid.

HIGH 98°
LOW 76°

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, hot and very humid, showers and thunderstorms are possible.

HIGH 90°
LOW 70°

TUESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm, not as humid.

HIGH 88°
LOW 65°

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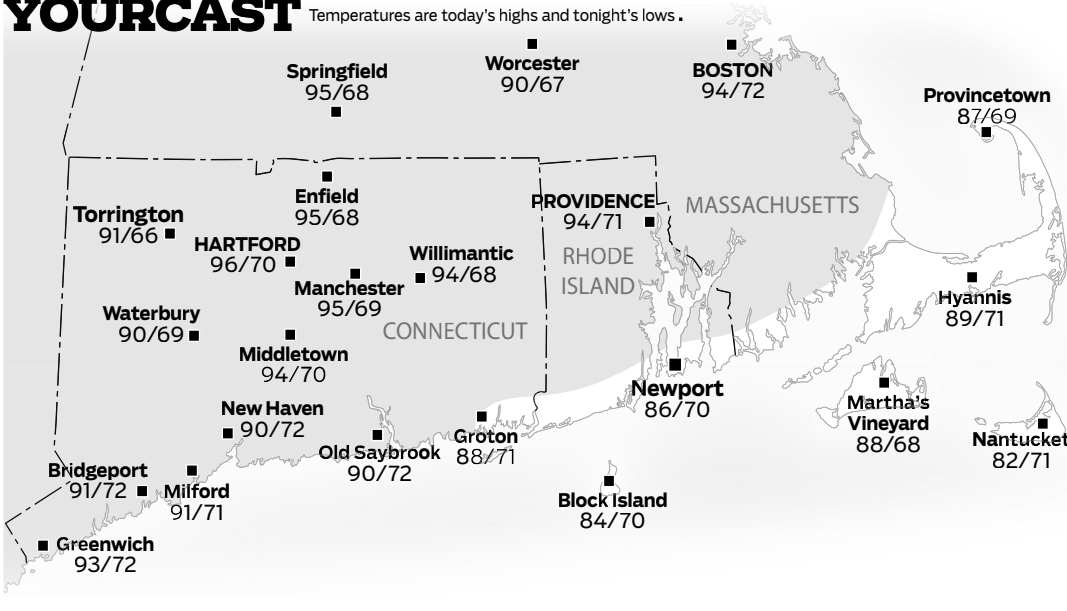
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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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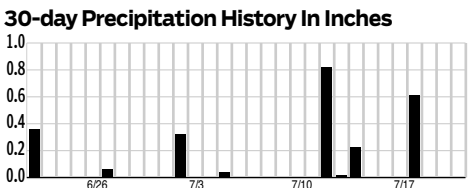
A respite from the humidity Friday and Saturday in northern portions of the state with dew points in the upper 50s to mid-60s, but a more modest drop will occur along the shoreline. The oppressive humidity should return statewide by Saturday night, and it will continue through Monday. Temperatures will be little changed in the coming days with inland areas in the 90s through Sunday and perhaps on Monday as well. As for precipitation, it will be dry Friday through Sunday, then a couple showers and thunderstorms are possible by Sunday night or Monday.

-Gary Lessor

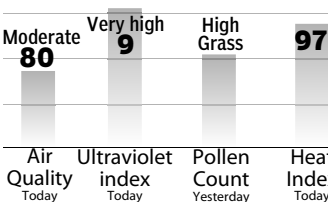
ALMANAC

Precipitation in Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	Trace	0.14
Month to date	2.04	2.69
Total this year	22.21	24.86

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



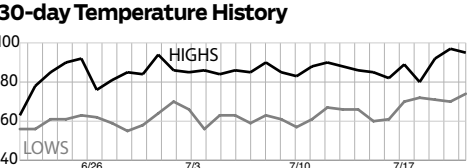
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	5:24 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	73°
Saybrook Jetty	6:00 p.m.		
Connecticut River at Portland	6:35 a.m.	12:42 a.m.	75°
Madison	7:11 p.m.	12:34 p.m.	
New Haven	9:18 a.m.	4:28 a.m.	
Stamford	9:54 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	
	6:54 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	76°
	7:14 p.m.	12:51 p.m.	
	7:14 a.m.	1:10 a.m.	78°
	7:34 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	
	7:18 a.m.	1:24 a.m.	75°
	7:38 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 1.88 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	MSunny	MSunny	AM fog
Seas	SW, 5-10	W/SW, 5	W/SW, 5-15
	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	95 at 1:02 p.m.	74 at 4:32 a.m.
Normal for date	86	64
Record for date	101 in 1991	50 in 1974
A year ago	82	65
Range this year	97	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 21	473	394	459



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.71 at 12 a.m.	29.60 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	73° at 12 p.m.	68° at 4 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND																			
Bangor	88	62	PC	Baltimore	95	72	S	Nashville	100	71	S	San Juan	89	77	PC	Budapest	100	75	PC
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Caribou	85	62	PC	Boise	93	60	S	New York	93	75	PC					Cairo	101	71	S
Concord	90	62	S	Buffalo	85	67	PC	Okla. City	87	75	SH					Cancun	91	79	PC
Montpelier	85	57	S	Charleston	90	77	T	Omaha	95	76	PC	Amsterdam	73	56	PC	Dubai	105	92	PC
Mt. Wash.	61	50	PC	Cincinnati	91	67	PC	Orlando	95	75	PC	Athens	98	76	S	Dublin	70	57	PC
Portland	88	63	PC	Cleveland	87	66	PC	Pittsburgh	88	66	PC	Bangkok	86	77	SH	Edinburgh	66	54	C
Woods Hole	85	69	S	Indianapolis	87	70	S	Raleigh	91	73	PC	Barbados	84	75	SH	Helsinki	79	63	S
				Jacksonville	94	76	PC	St. Louis	95	79	PC	Beijing	90	72	SH	Hong Kong	90	78	S
				Las Vegas	113	88	PC	Salt Lake City	101	73	PC	Beirut	85	78	S	Istanbul	86	68	S
				Miami Beach	88	82	PC	San Antonio	100	76	PC	Berlin	82	61	PC	Jerusalem	85	65	S
				Milwaukee	87	69	PC	San Diego	75	67	PC	Bermuda	84	78	S	Johannesburg	63	44	PC
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Albuquerque	97	72	PC																
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Kingston 90 76 SH	Stockholm 74 58 SH
Lisbon 85 62 S	Sydney 62 52 SH
London 74 59 C	Tel Aviv 89 75 S
Madrid 100 70 S	Tokyo 90 75 PC
Mexico City 78 54 SH	Toronto 83 73 S
Milan 100 75 S	Vancouver 71 57 PC
Montreal 82 69 S	Warsaw 91 68 PC
Moscow 81 63 PC	
Nassau 87 81 PC	
New Delhi 87 77 SH	
Paris 83 62 SH	
Prague 89 64 S	
Rio de Janeiro 78 68 S	
Rome 96 72 S	
Seoul 82 72 SH	
Singapore 90 78 SH	

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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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SPORTS

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ASTROS 3, YANKEES 2

9th-inning single lifts Astros in 1st game of doubleheader

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rookie J.J. Matijevec's pinch hit RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the Houston Astros to a 3-2 win over the New York Yankees on Thursday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader between the American League's top teams. Alex Bregman led off the Hous-



Astros pinch hitter J.J. Matijevec, center top, celebrates with Jeremy Pena and Korey Lee on Thursday after hitting a walk-off single in the ninth inning in the first game of a doubleheader against the Yankees in Houston. **KEVIN M. COX/AP**

ton ninth with a single against Michael King (6-3). Bregman advanced to third on Aledmys Díaz's double. After Yuli Gurriel struck out, pinch hitter Yordan

Alvarez was walked intentionally to load the bases. King looked as if he might be

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RED SOX

Keeping Papi in fashion

New Britain native designs suits for Ortiz, including one for the Hall of Fame induction

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

When baseball legend David Ortiz is inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, he'll be dressed in a red and blue suit designed by Salvatore Paterno, who grew up in New Britain and has strong family ties here.

Paterno, owner of Milano Fine Men's Fashion on Long Island, has been Ortiz's stylist for about three years. Paterno said the blue suit with red stitching to be worn with a white shirt is symbolic of the flag colors of America and the

Dominican Republic, from where Ortiz hails.

Tony Ramos, Ortiz's assistant, said the suit for the induction is "incredible."

"Nobody has that," Ramos said. Ramos also added that the outfit Ortiz wore to this week's Major League Baseball All-Star Game from Paterno was "a sensation."

Ortiz is a 10-time All-Star who helped the Boston Red Sox win three World Series championships. "This is special because I've

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ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS

Building up opportunities and confidence



Matthew Reid, of Cheshire, right, high-fives teammate Aydin Partis after a basket at a wheelchair basketball camp at Southern Connecticut State University on Wednesday afternoon. **LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT**



Ryan Fitzpatrick, 17, of New Fairfield, will be a senior at New Fairfield High, where he runs cross country and track with a prosthetic leg. But his favorite sport is wheelchair basketball, and he hopes to be able to play the sport in college. Fitzpatrick played this week at the Ryan Martin Foundation camp at Southern Connecticut State University. Martin, a former professional wheelchair basketball player, hopes to be able to collaborate with the CIAC at some point to identify students like Fitzpatrick who wish to play adaptive sports. **LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT**

Athletes getting more chances thanks to former wheelchair basketball pro Ryan Martin

By Lori Riley | Hartford Courant

Matthew Reid always thought of himself as unathletic. A bilateral below-the-knee amputee, Reid, who will be a sophomore at Cheshire High School this fall, preferred reading books to sports. But on Wednesday Reid, 15, was out on the basketball court at Southern Connecticut's Moore Field House, zipping up and down with his wheelchair and mixing it up with the other wheelchair basketball players. He was participating in a camp hosted by the Ryan Martin Foundation and the school's College of Health and Human Services' Institute for Adapted Sports and Recreation.

After camp was over for the day, Reid talked excitedly about running track at Cheshire, which he did his freshman year, and his new pair of running blades.

"They're going to have spikes on the bottom, so I'll be way faster," he said. "I can't wait for the new season of track. I joined track last year to build my endurance for basketball."

Martin, who grew up in Somers but now lives in Norwalk, is a former professional wheelchair basketball player who played internationally and is currently the director of adaptive sports at City University of New York. He's always been all about providing

opportunities to adaptive athletes.

To that end, he would like to collaborate with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference in some manner to identify kids like Reid and steer them toward adaptive sports programs.

"I would like them to help us disseminate information to school systems about existing programs and help us identify kids that could potentially benefit from these types of programs," Martin said Wednesday.

"If we could identify athletes with disabilities that are in the high school system that could benefit from Paralympic sport opportunities — the state has a robust amount



Ryan Fitzpatrick plays wheelchair basketball Wednesday at the Ryan Martin Foundation camp at Southern Connecticut State University. **LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT**

of opportunities from wheelchair basketball to track and field, [and] swimming — we would love to see kids where they could excel in a sport.

"For example, Matthew's favorite sport is basketball, and it would be unlikely he would play for his high school team. This offers him a complete opportunity."

CIAC director of media relations John Holt said the CIAC would welcome looking into a collaboration.

"With the growth of adaptive sports, it makes sense for us to consider what opportunities are out there for our student-athletes,"

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JOHNNY EGAN
1939-2022

Hartford legend, NBA star dies at 83

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Johnny Egan, who soared above the playgrounds of Hartford as a teenager, led Weaver High to a New England championship and went on to star at Providence College and play and coach in the NBA, died Thursday in Houston after an illness following a fall.

He was 83 and, according to his family, died peacefully.

During his days at Weaver, Egan was nicknamed "Space," because at a time when the United States and Soviet Union began to explore beyond the Earth's atmosphere, he was appearing to break the bonds of gravity, though he was just 5 feet 11.

"I could stand under the basket, take one step and dunk it, and at 5-11, that ain't easy," Egan told The Courant in a February 2021 interview. "They used to say, 'Egan's a freak.' I used to float in the air. I could jump, and I'd float in the air a long time."

Egan, 25th on The Courant's list of top Connecticut athletes

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HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Double duty

Ray Reid seeking to build a sustainable winner while serving as coach and technical director

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Ray Reid is counting down the days until he can return to working just one job.

The 62-year-old Reid is currently juggling two roles with the Hartford Athletic: interim coach and technical director. He was named interim coach in June after former coach Harry Watling resigned and returned to England to tend to family matters.

Reid is no stranger to coaching. In fact, he's a Connecticut soccer legend. He spent his first eight seasons at his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State University, from 1989-96, and led the Owls to national championships in 1990, '92 and '95.

In 1997, Reid replaced long-time UConn coach Joe Morrone and led the Huskies to the Division I national championship in 2000. He also won eight Big East regular-season titles and four conference tournament titles while in Storrs. In May 2021, he retired to take care of his elderly parents. When he left, Reid had a career record of 394-197-61.

Looking for a new challenge, Reid accepted the position of technical director with the Athletic in May.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Blue Jays, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yankees: at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Mets: Padres, Friday, 7 p.m.; Padres, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Padres, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Binghamton, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Binghamton, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; at Binghamton, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: at Lynx, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Lynx, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Storm, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Pittsburgh, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Birmingham, July 30, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

ACTION SPORTS

6 p.m.: Cornhole 2022 ACL Pro Shootout 6. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: X Games 2022 (Live) ESPN
1:30 a.m.: X Games 2022 (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

AUTO RACING

7:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing France Grand Prix, Practice 1. (Live) ESPN
10:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing France Grand Prix, Practice 2. (Live) ESPN2

1:15 p.m.: W Series Le Castellet, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN
4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series CRC Brakleen 150, Qualifying. (Live) FS1

6:30 p.m.: ARCA Racing Series Pocono. (Live) FS1

BASEBALL

7 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles. (Live), Amazon Prime Video, Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: San Diego Padres at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
11 p.m.: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live) SPRTNET

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament India Rising vs Boeheim's Army. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: WNBA: Dallas Wings at Chicago Sky. (Live) CBSSN
8 p.m.: WNBA: Connecticut Sun at Minnesota Lynx. (Live), NESN+
9 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament We Are D3 vs AfterShocks. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: BIG3 Basketball Week 5. (Taped) CBSSN
10 p.m.: WNBA: Seattle Storm at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) NBA

BICYCLING

8 a.m.: Tour de France Stage 19. (Live) USA

FOOTBALL

9 p.m.: Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Edmonton Elks. (Live) ESPN2
11:30 p.m.: Sydney Swans vs Adelaide Crows. (Live) FSP
2:30 a.m.: Port Adelaide Power vs Geelong Cats. (Live) FSP
5 a.m. Sat.: Western Bulldogs vs Melbourne Demons. (Live) FS1

GOLF

6 a.m.: Evian Championship Second Round. (Live) GOLF
7 a.m.: Senior Open Championship Second Round. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: 3M Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: U.S. Girls' Junior, Semifinals. (Live) GOLF
3:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Cazoo Classic, Second Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
5:30 a.m. Sat.: Evian Championship Third Round. (Live) GOLF

RUGBY

2:30 p.m.: Hull FC vs Castleford Tigers. (Live) FSP

SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Third Quarterfinal: Sweden vs Belgium. (Live) ESPN2

TRACK AND FIELD

8:30 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) USA

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGION

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

CT Legion Tournament
First Round—Pod Championship
Northern Bracket

Pod A
WEST HARTFORD 3, ELLINGTON 2

Pod B
MIDDLETOWN 11, TORRINGTON 6

Pod C
WATERFORD 7, BRISTOL 5

Pod D
WILLIMANTIC 10, RCP POST 1

Southern Bracket
Pod E

GREENWICH 10, HAMDEN 0

Pod F
STAMFORD 10, WESTPORT 7

Pod G
TRUMBULL 7, WEST HAVEN 3

Pod H
DANBURY 10-10, EHM 3-1

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

CT Legion Tournament
First Round—Pod Championship
(Game 2)
Northern Bracket

Pod A
WEST HARTFORD at ELLINGTON, LATE

Southern Bracket
Pod G

TRUMBULL at WEST HAVEN, LATE

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

BLACK SOX 5, KNIGHTS 1
Note: Dave Alarcon went 5innings, allowing 2hits with 8strikeouts. Laval-lee was 2-for-4with 2RBI and Goggins was 2-for-4.

ANGELS 2, PATRIOTS 0

Note: Josue Lopez was 3-for-3and Dan Livingston tossed a 1-hit shutout with 7strikeouts.

ROCK CATS 12, DODGERS 5

Note: Kenny Novola was 2-for-4with 2 RBI and Nestor Velazquez had 2RBI.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

ROCKIES at BLACK SOX, LATE
ANGELS at ORIOLES, LATE

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Knights at Patriots, 6p.m.
Aftershock at Orioles, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT

PHILLIES 5, GRAPHICS 3
Note: Grayson Jay picked up the win in 3innings of relief. Cheslin Douglas had 2hits, 2RBI and Chris Connell had 2hits for the Phillies. Nick Paas had 2hits, including a double, for the Graphics.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

PEOPLE'S at ORIOLES, LATE
CARDINALS at GREENERS, LATE

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Jets at Greeners, 6p.m.
Expos at Cardinals, 7p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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NEW BRITAIN PARKS and REC 7, SOUTHLINGTON HITMEN 6 (8)

Note: Abel Velazquez had a go-ahead RBI groundout in the top of the 8th. Tyler Czerncha started for New Britain, allowing 4 runs on 7 hits over 5.2innings with 11strikeouts.



Boston Red Sox great David Ortiz is measured for a perfect fit by his stylist Salvatore Paterno, previously from New Britain, where his mom and sister still live. **COURTESY OF SALVATORE PATERNO**

Ortiz

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been a Red Sox fan since 1968,” Paterno said of designing the suit. “I’ve been a fanatic Red Sox fan.”

Paterno said he appears as part of the crowd in the ESPN 30 for 30 video on Game 7 of the 2004 Yankees vs. Red Sox ALCS.

Paterno, who will be a guest at the induction, is also a fan of Ortiz — as a person — since meeting the slugger through a friend a few years ago. Paterno got to know him better after attending a cigar night featuring Ortiz’s product.

“He’s a fun guy, a very giving person who gives back to the community,” Paterno said. “He’s such a good guy.”

Paterno became Ortiz’s stylist after making the player a suit as a gift, as he noticed Ortiz “needed things to fit better.” Paterno’s specialty, he said, is fitting clothes to body types to get the best-looking results. Ortiz needs slimming cuts because although he’s in good shape, he’s “boxy” Paterno said.

Paterno said Ortiz told him the suit he made was “the best suit I’ve ever had.”

That was numerous custom suits and shirts ago.

Yankees

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able to escape the jam after he struck out Chas McCormick, but Matijeivic drove in Bregman with an infield single to shortstop.

“The bullpen did a great job, and boy, that was an exciting win for us and the fans and for J.J.,” Astros manager Dusty Baker said. “I was happy for J.J.”

Baker was impressed by the work of Matijeivic and fellow rookie Korey Lee, who drove in a run in the second.

“These rookies aren’t afraid,” Baker said. “They can grow up right before your eyes in that situation. ... They’re understanding what this rivalry is all about and the magnitude of the ballgames.”

The doubleheader between the major league-leading Yankees and the Astros is to help make up a series that was postponed because of the lockout. Houston won the first game of the series on June 30.

“It’s definitely news to watch us play each other,” New York’s Giancarlo Stanton said. “But at the end of the day, we’ve got to stay ahead of them for home field (advantage), and every game is important. But there’s obviously a bit more spice on these games.”

Egan

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of the 20th century, grew up on Branford Street in Hartford and started playing basketball in sixth grade, often taking on bigger, older kids at Keney Park. In 1957, he led Weaver to an undefeated season, scoring 36 points in the New England championship game at Boston Garden. Four years later he led Providence to the NIT championship at Madison Square Garden. He scored 1,434 points in his college career.

He played in the NBA from 1961-72, for six teams, including the Knicks and Lakers, and made the shot now called the runner, floater or tear-drop shot his signature. Lakers announcer Chick Hearn called it the “alley-oop.” It allowed Egan to score over the era’s legendary big men. Egan scored 5,521 points and had 2,102 assists in the league.

“[Bill] Russell couldn’t block it, and he could block anybody’s shot,” Egan remembered. “Sam Jones told me once, ‘Russell told me you were the only one he couldn’t block.’ And when I was with the Lakers and Wilt was there, every now and then in practice, I’d have him stand under the basket and I’d say, ‘Try to block this,’ and he couldn’t. I had big hands. I could palm the ball. I’d take it off the dribble and

Paterno, who moved to America from Italy at about age 12, graduated from Pulaski High School and lived in New Britain until 1978 when he went to Miami to learn the clothes business.

Paterno had no formal training, but fashion was around him at a young age, he said.

His mother, who still lives in New Britain along with his sister, was a pattern maker, Paterno said, and his dad liked to dress fashionably.

As a teen, Paterno found himself spending lots of money on fine clothes, sometimes working all month to buy a pair of pants. He decided to go into the business so he could continue dressing that way. He was named “Best Dressed” in his high school class.

In Miami he rose through the ranks of the large fine men’s clothing company he worked for — sales, management, buying. The job took him to Italy often.

Paterno said he visits Connecticut often to see family and clients he has here.

In addition to designing Ortiz’s Hall of Fame ceremony outfit, Paterno recently delivered to him 12 custom suits and six sport jackets for Ortiz’s future commentator gigs on Fox Sports.

Paterno, who is married with five children, said Ortiz tells him of numerous compliments he gets on suits by Paterno.

Baker offered similar sentiments. “It’s just July, but it’s mid-July and these things count,” Baker said. “We’re trying to chase a team.”

The Astros carried a 2-1 lead into the ninth, but Aaron Hicks singled against Héctor Neris (3-3) and scored on Isiah Kiner-Falefa’s two-out single, a grounder that rolled just past shortstop Jeremy Peña for the tying hit.

DJ LeMahieu homered in the fifth, but the Yankees were just 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

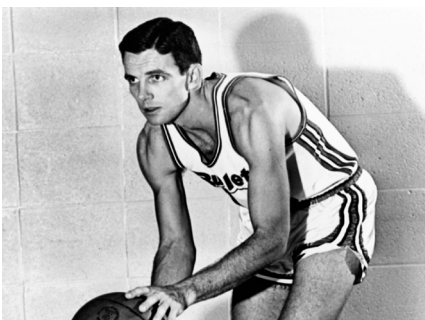
Houston jumped in front by scoring in each of the first two innings against Jordan Montgomery.

Jose Altuve and Peña opened Houston’s first with back-to-back bunt singles. Bregman drove in Altuve with a one-out single to center.

Mauricio Dubón walked and scored on Lee’s double in the second.

The Yankees loaded the bases with no outs in the third, but Cristian Javier escaped the jam with some help from his defense. Matt Carpenter lined to Guriel at first, and he completed a double play by beating Aaron Judge back to first. Gleyber Torres then flew out, ending the inning.

“They hit the ball hard like and couldn’t get through there,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.



Hartford’s Johnny Egan, during his days with the NBA’s Baltimore Bullets. Egan has died at 83. **FILE**

continued the floater, the alley-oop shot.”

Egan coached the Rockets from 1972-76, then retired from basketball and settled in Houston, going into the insurance business. He lost his wife, Joan, to ovarian cancer in 1998. Egan began organizing a group to do charitable work in the community from a Starbucks, where he became a regular, and taught basketball on the side.

Always active and in tiptop shape, Egan was doing fingertip push-ups beyond his 80th birthday. Egan is survived by his son, John Jr., daughter Kim, and five grandchildren.

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Sun sign Holmes for rest of season

The Connecticut Sun have signed Joyner Holmes to a rest of season contract, the team announced Thursday.

Holmes, a 6-foot-3 forward out of the University of Texas, is averaging 7.5 minutes per game in 19 games this season.

She was chosen by the Seattle Storm with the 19th overall pick in the 2020 WNBA draft, but was waived by the Storm in May before finishing that season with the New York Liberty.

The Sun signed the 24-year-old Holmes to a training camp contract prior to the season, and she made the roster, in part to add frontcourt depth behind 2021 MVP Jonquel Jones and All-Stars Alyssa Thomas and Brionna Jones.

— *Kels Dayton, sports editor*

Reid

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As technical director, he handles all personnel decisions, including selecting coaches, scouting and overseeing the Hartford Athletic Academy.

Naturally, Reid didn’t envision ending up on the sideline coaching again. Balancing both jobs has been quite a task.

“I’m enjoying it (coaching), but I want to do my job as technical director and help the club,” Reid said. “I’m enjoying it, but I have bigger fish to fry. I am extremely busy right now. I am trying to help us get better and build this club with (owner) Bruce Mandell for next year.”

Reid’s got a firsthand view of what Hartford needs. He believes his team is talented but lacks structure and discipline. Adding those elements has been his primary focus since taking over.

“Ray has come in with amazing ideas, his new style and that added on to us winning some games,” said Prince Sayde, Hartford’s right winger. “He goes hard. Like Harry, he’s pushing us to be better players.”

Reid feels he’s gotten closer with the players since he became coach. But, at the same time, there’s quite a difference between college and pro players.

“These guys are full time,” Reid said. “They don’t go to school. The rules are less. You spend time with them because you don’t have to study.”

While Reid enjoys coaching the club, he’d rather return to his role overseeing the entire club as technical director. So he’s been hard at work interviewing multiple candidates for the coaching position.

“I’m looking for a winner,” Reid said, “a guy that wants to win the league and will have the respect of the locker room, a guy with experience.”

Since Reid has taken over, the Athletic have a 1-1-2 record. Overall, Hartford is 4-4-11, good for 10th in the United Soccer League’s Eastern Conference. However, he still believes the roster has the makings of a contender if they can fix a few things.

“We need more of a foundation,” Reid said, “more instruction and discipline. We’ve got good players. It’s just a process.”

Ultimately, Reid wants to build a team that the entire state of Connecticut can be proud of in the years to come.

“I am going to do everything I can; it’s not going to be in three months,” he said. “I am going to put a team together and coaching staff together that’s going to win the whole thing. That’s our goal ... to put a product out here that fans are proud of, win big games and sell this place out.”

Camp No Limits. Reid never heard of it. Fitzpatrick had heard of the sport from a former player who told him about it where he got his prosthetic legs made.

“I was so young,” he said. “I was always running around with a soccer ball. I was like 6. I wasn’t really thinking about wheelchair basketball.”

“Now I’m always trying to spread awareness about it.”

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	64	29	.688	—	—	4-6	L-1	37-12	27-17
Tampa Bay	51	41	.554	12 ½	+1 ½	6-4	W-1	31-18	20-23
Toronto	50	43	.538	14	—	5-5	W-3	30-19	20-24
Boston	48	45	.516	16	2	3-7	L-2	23-20	25-25
Baltimore	46	46	.500	17 ½	3 ½	8-2	L-1	25-17	21-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	50	44	.532	—	—	3-7	L-1	27-22	23-22
Cleveland	46	44	.511	2	2 ½	6-4	W-3	25-19	21-25
Chicago	46	46	.500	3	3 ½	7-3	W-1	19-25	27-21
Detroit	38	55	.409	11 ½	12	2-8	W-1	23-24	15-31
Kansas City	36	56	.391	13	13 ½	5-5	L-3	19-27	17-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	60	32	.652	—	—	6-4	W-1	29-14	31-18
Seattle	51	42	.548	9 ½	+1	10-0	W-14	24-20	27-22
Texas	42	49	.462	17 ½	7	4-6	W-1	21-26	21-23
Los Angeles	39	53	.424	21	10 ½	2-8	L-3	22-27	17-26
Oakland	32	62	.340	29	18 ½	4-6	L-1	11-32	21-30

BOX SCORES

GAME 1:
HOUSTON 3, N.Y. YANKEES 2

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	3	1	1	1	0	.279
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.225
Judge dh	2	0	0	0	0	.282
Carpenter lf	4	0	0	0	0	.337
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.265
Hicks cf	3	1	2	0	1	.242
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	2	.247
a-Stanton ph	1	0	0	0	0	.236
Higashioka c	0	0	0	0	0	.174
Gonzalez ss	3	0	0	0	1	.228
b-Kiner-Falefas s1	0	1	1	0	0	.174
Gallo rf	3	0	0	0	1	.262
TOTALS	31	2	5	2	6	
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.275
Pena ss	4	0	1	0	2	.263
Tucker rf	4	0	1	0	1	.252
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.241
Diaz lf	4	0	1	0	2	.234
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.235
Dubon cf	2	1	0	0	0	.193
c-Alvarez ph	0	0	0	0	0	.306
McCormick dh	4	0	2	0	1	.228
Lee c	3	0	1	1	1	.267
d-Matijevic ph	0	1	1	0	0	.171
TOTALS	34	3	10	3	10	

N.Y. Yankees	000	010	001	—	2	5	0
Houston	110	000	001	—	3	10	0

Two outs when winning run scored. a-grounded out for Trevino in the 9th. b-singled for Gonzalez in the 9th. c-intentionally walked for Dubon in the 9th. d-singled for Lee in the 9th. **LOB:** New York 8, Houston 7. **2B:** Lee (2), Diaz (7). **HR:** LeMahieu (9), off Javier. **RBIs:** LeMahieu (36), Kiner-Falefa (28), Bregman (47), Lee (4), Matijevic (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** NYY 5 (Gallo, Torres 3, LeMahieu); Hou 2 (Pena, Gurriel). **RISP:** NYY for 8; Hou 2 for 9. **Runners moved up:** Stanton. **LDP:** Carpenter. **GIDP:** Bregman. **Lee:** NYY 2 (Torres, Rizzo); Torres, Gonzalez, Rizzo); Hou 1 (Gurriel).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	6⅓	7	2	2	1	8	3.24
A.Abreu	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.13
King, L 6-3	⅔	3	1	1	1	2	2.34
HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Javier	5	2	1	1	4	3	3.13
Maton, H, 10	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.46
Stanek, H, 9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.56
Montero, H, 14	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.88
Neris, W, 3-3	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.38
Inherited runners-scored: A.Abreu 1-0. IBB: off King (Alvarez). HBP: Javier (Judge). WP: Javier. Umpires: Home, Mark Ripberger; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Cory Blaser. T: 3:14. A: 36,225 (41,168).							

RELIEVER STANDINGS	TEAM	SV	W	L	ERA	IP	B
MIL	35	19	16	3.84	328.0	227	
ATL	34	17	12	3.14	332.0	220	
NY Y	31	28	16	2.89	315.0	206	
SOL	31	22	17	3.85	308.2	232	
CDP	27	17	15	4.69	322.2	250	
TBR	27	27	20	3.40	399.2	230	
CHW	26	19	11	3.90	352.2	239	
HOU	26	14	9	2.66	284.0	202	
LAD	26	17	16	3.26	315.0	220	
NYM	26	18	13	3.46	325.0	224	
TOR	26	18	18	4.11	348.0	238	
BAL	25	23	20	3.14	375.2	228	
DET	23	19	16	3.08	353.0	221	
MIA	23	16	14	4.04	307.2	246	
PHI	23	19	16	3.67	309.1	228	
PIT	23	28	20	4.73	378.1	253	
SEA	23	19	10	3.45	310.1	213	
CLE	22	24	12	3.66	297.1	220	
STL	22	23	10	3.56	344.0	234	
KCR	21	18	17	4.63	346.1	259	
LAA	21	12	20	4.08	346.0	238	
TEX	21	18	24	3.71	351.2	225	
MIN	20	22	19	3.87	379.1	234	
OAK	20	12	16	4.18	325.0	242	
ARI	19	17	23	4.33	330.0	258	
BOS	19	21	19	3.91	366.0	226	
CHC	19	18	21	4.30	395.2	248	
SFG	19	19	19	4.19	352.2	258	
CIN	17	16	13	5.42	340.1	255	
WSN	15	8	12	4.36	365.2	246	

SAVES	SV	TM	ERA	K9
Josh Hader	27	MIL	4.50	15.6
Taylor Rogers	26	SDP	3.82	10.5
Kemley Jansen	22	ATL	3.53	12.4
Daniel Bard	20	COL	2.02	10.6
Edwin Diaz	20	NYM	1.69	18.1
Jordan Romano	20	TOR	2.85	10.3
Emmanuel Clase	19	CLE	1.41	9.6
Ryan Pressly	19	HOU	2.89	10.3
Liam Hendriks	18	CHW	2.35	13.2
Gregory Soto	18	DET	2.59	9.2
Jorge López	17	BAL	1.62	10.4
Scott Barlow	16	KCR	2.06	9.1
David Bednar	16	PIT	2.89	11.7
Clay Holmes	16	NY Y	3.31	9.6
Raisel Iglesias	15	LAA	4.50	12.9
Craig Kimbrel	15	LAD	4.35	13.6
Joe Barlow	13	TEX	3.26	6.8
Mark Melancon	13	ARI	5.12	6.3
David Robertson	13	CHC	1.93	11.6

BLOWN SAVES	BSV	TEAM	SV	IP
Brad Boxberger	6	MIL	1	35.0
Giovanny Gallegos	6	STL	10	36.0
Hansel Robles	6	BOS	2	24.2

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1964: Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell hit for the cycle, drove in three runs and scored four times in the Pirates' 13-2 rout of the St. Louis Cardinals. **1967:** The Atlanta Braves used a major league record five pitchers in the ninth inning of a 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. The pitchers were Ken Johnson, Ramon Hernandez, Claude Raymond, Dick Kelley and Cecil Upshaw. **1987:** At Comiskey Park, Harold Baines surpasses Bill Melton to become the White Sox's all-time leading home run hitter when he goes deep off Mike Boddicker during the third inning of a 10-5 loss to Baltimore. The 28-year-old Chicago DH/OF has hit 155 home runs in his eight seasons with the Pale Hose. **1997:** Atlanta's Greg Maddux turned in a masterful pitching performance, using 76 pitches in a complete game 4-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. **2000:** Seattle's 15-5 win over Texas was interrupted for 54 minutes when a rain-storm drenched fans at Safeco Field and the \$517.6 million stadium's roof wouldn't close because of a computer problem. The roof finally began closing about 20 minutes later.

2006: Alfonso Soriano had three doubles, a triple and scored two runs to lead Washington to a 7-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs. **2012:** Seth Smith hit a tying homer in the ninth inning, Coco Crisp singled home the winning run in the 12th and the surging Oakland Athletics rallied from four runs down to stun the New York Yankees 5-4 and complete a four-game sweep. The Yankees had not been swept in a four-game series since May 2003 against Toronto. **2013:** Ryan Braun, the 2011 National League MVP, was suspended for the rest of the season and the postseason, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. The Milwaukee Brewers star accepted the 615-game ban, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test for elevated testosterone because the urine sample had been improperly handled. **2014:** The Minnesota Twins turn a triple play against the Yankees.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	58	35	.624	—	—	6-4	L-1	28-15	30-20
Atlanta	56	38	.596	2 ½	+6	7-3	L-1	31-20	25-18
Philadelphia	49	43	.533	8 ½	—	6-4	W-3	24-21	25-22
Miami	43	49	.467	14 ½	6	3-7	L-4	22-23	21-26
Washington	31	63	.330	27 ½	19	1-9	W-1	15-36	16-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	50	43	.538	—	—	3-7	L-3	21-19	29-24
St. Louis	50	44	.532	½	—	6-4	W-2	29-20	21-24
Pittsburgh	39	54	.419	11	10 ½	5-5	W-1	20-23	19-31
Chicago	35	57	.380	14 ½	14	1-9	W-1	18-32	17-25
Cincinnati	34	57	.374	15	14 ½	6-4	L-2	18-28	16-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	60	30	.667	—	—	9-1	W-4	30-13	30-17
San Diego	52	42	.553	10	+2	4-6	L-1	25-21	27-21
San Francisco	48	43	.527	12 ½	½	7-3	W-3	26-22	22-21
Colorado	43	50	.462	18 ½	6 ½	7-3	L-1	28-23	15-27
Arizona	40	52	.435	21	9	3-7	W-1	22-26	18-26

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG
Arraez Min.	84	308	52	104	.338
Devers Bos	86	346	62	112	.324
Benintendi KC	87	322	37	102	.317
Bogaerts Bos	89	329	54	104	.316
Kirk Tor	83	267	45	84	.315
T.Anderson CHW	65	274	44	85	.310
France Sea	79	315	35	97	.308
Alvarez Hou	75	268	57	82	.306
Gurriel Jr. Tor	84	304	37	93	.306
J.Abreu CHW	90	345	52	105	.304

HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 33; Alvarez, Houston, 26; Stanton, New York, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Buxton, Minnesota, 23; Rizzo, New York, 22; Devers, Boston, 22; Seager, Texas, 22; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 20; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 19; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 19. **RBIs:** J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 75; Judge, New York, 70; Tucker, Houston, 62; Stanton, New York, 61; Alvarez, Houston, 60; Story, Boston, 58; Rizzo, New York, 57; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 57; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 56; Devers, Boston, 55. **RUNS:** Judge, New York, 74; Devers, Boston, 62; Alvarez, Houston, 57; LeMahieu, New York, 56; Rizzo, New York, 55; Trout, Los Angeles, 55; Bogaerts, Boston, 54; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 53; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 53; Springer, Toronto, 53. **HITS:** Devers, Boston, 112; J.Abreu, Chicago, 105; Arraez, Minnesota, 104; Bogaerts, Boston, 104; Benintendi, Kansas City, 102; Bichette, Toronto, 99; Rosario, Cleveland, 99; France, Seattle, 97; Judge, New York, 96; J.Martinez, Boston, 96. **DOUBLES:** J.Martinez, Boston, 30; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 30; Devers, Boston, 28; Gurriel, Houston, 25; J.Abreu, Chicago, 24; Bogaerts, Boston, 24; Gurriel Jr., Toronto, 23; Mullins, Baltimore, 23; Hays, Baltimore, 22; S.Murphy, Oakland, 22. **TRIPLES:** Rosario, Cleveland, 5; Witt Jr., Kansas City, 5; A.Garcia, Texas, 4; Mateo, Baltimore, 4; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 4. **STOLEN BASES:** Mateo, Baltimore, 22; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 21; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 19; Mullins, Baltimore, 19; Semien, Texas, 17; Witt Jr., KC, 17; Tucker, Houston, 15; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14; A.Garcia, Texas, 13; Kiner-Falefa, N.Y. Straw, Cleveland, 13. **PITCHING:** Verlander, Houston, 12-3; Taillon, New York, 10-2; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-3; McCleanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-3; Manoah, Toronto, 10-4; Cole, New York, 9-2; Cease, Chicago, 9-4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 9-4; Cimber, Toronto, 8-3; Fvaldez, Houston, 8-4; Urquidy, Houston, 8-4.

ERA: McCleanahan, Tampa Bay, 1.71; Verlander, Houston, 1.89; Cease, Chicago, 2.15; Manoah, Toronto, 2.28; Cortes, New York, 2.63; Fvaldez, Houston, 2.66; M.Perez, Texas, 2.68; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.76; Gausman, Toronto, 2.87; Cole, New York, 3.02. **STRIKEOUTS:** Cease, Chicago, 150; Cole, New York, 147; McCleanahan, Tampa Bay, 147; Ray, Seattle, 135; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 123; Javier, Houston, 112; Verlander, Houston, 108; Bieber, Cleveland, 106; Gausman, Toronto, 106; Gilbert, Seattle, 104; Pivetta, Boston, 104.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS						
BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG	
Goldschmidt StL	90	339	64	112	.330	
Freeman LAD	90	355	60	114	.321	
Bell Was	93	341	49	106	.311	
Hoerner ChC	77	274	29	84	.307	
T.Turner LAD	90	363	54	111	.306	
M.Machado SD	83	314	56	95	.303	
Iglesias Col	77	282	29	85	.303	
McNeil NYM	81	280	38	84	.300	
Cron Col	90	346	55	103	.298	
S.Marte NYM	77	312	52	92	.295	

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	2	9	39	33	15
New York City FC	11	4	5	38	39	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	6	6	33	30	22
CF Montreal	10	8	2	32	34	35
Orlando City	8	7	6	30	26	30
Columbus	7	5	8	29	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	6	27	32	37
Charlotte FC	8	11	2	26	25	27
Inter Miami CF	7	9	4	25	22	31
New England	6	7	7	25	32	31
Atlanta	6	8	6	24	29	34
Chicago	6	10	5	23	21	27
Toronto FC	5	12	4	19	26	39
D.C. United	5	11	3	18	25	41
WESTERN						
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	13	4	3	42	40	22
Austin FC	12	4	5	41	42	24
Real Salt Lake	9	6	6	33	38	26
Minnesota United	9	8	4	31	29	25
Nashville	8	7	6	30	27	27
FC Dallas	7	6	8	29	31	25
LA Galaxy	8	9	3	27	28	27
Portland	6	6	9	27	33	30
Seattle	8	10	2	26	26	34
Vancouver	7	9	5	26	23	24
Houston	7	10	4	25	27	39
Colorado	6	8	6	24	24	27
San Jose	5	8	7	22	33	41
Sporting KC	5	12	5	20	19	38
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SATURDAY'S MATCHES									
Miami at New York City FC, 7p.m.									
Nashville at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.									
New England at Columbus, 7:30p.m.									
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.									
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.									
CF Montréal at D.C. United, 8p.m.									
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30p.m.									
Los Angeles FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.									
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.									
Colorado at Seattle, 10p.m.									
Chicago at Vancouver, 10p.m.									
San Jose at Portland, 10:30p.m.									

SUNDAY'S MATCHES									
N.Y. Red Bulls at Austin FC, 8p.m.									
Atlanta at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.									

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30									
Portland at Minnesota, 3p.m.									
Atlanta at Chicago, 5p.m.									
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.									
New York City FC at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.									
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.									
Cincinnati at Miami, 8p.m.									
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.									
Toronto FC at New England, 8p.m.									
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.									
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 9p.m.									
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10p.m.									

SUNDAY, JULY 31
Orlando City at D.C. United, 5p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS									
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.									
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.									

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	29	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	20	16
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	14
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	9
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Washington at North Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
San Diego Wave FC at Chicago, 8p.m.
OL Reign at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31
Houston at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Orlando at Kansas City, 7p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (11-0-1)									
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0									
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 3, New Zealand 0									
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0									
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1									
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0									
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0									
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0									
v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0									
v-July 7: U.S. 5 Jamaica 0									
v-July 11: U.S. 1, Mexico 0									
v-July 14: U.S. 3, Costa Rica 0									
v-July 18: U.S. 1, Canada 0									
Sept. 3: vs. Nigeria, 1 p.m.									
Sept. 6: vs. Nigeria, 6 p.m.									
s-SheBelieves Cup									
v-CONCACAF W Championship									

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (5-2-3)									
q-Jan. 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0									
q-Jan. 30: Canada 2, U.S. 0									
q-Feb. 2: U.S. 3, Honduras 0									
q-March 24: Mexico 0, U.S. 0									
q-March 27: U.S. 5, Panama 1									
q-March 30: Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0									
June 1: U.S. 3, Morocco 0									
n-June 5: U.S. 0, Uruguay 0									
n-June 10: U.S. 5, Grenada 0									
n-June 14: U.S. 1, El Salvador 1									
Sept. 23: exhibition TBA									
Sept. 27: exhibition TBA									
w-Nov. 21: vs. Wales at Al Rayyan, Qatar, 1 p.m.									
w-Nov. 25: vs. England at Al Khor, Qatar, 1 p.m.									
w-Nov. 29: vs. Iran at Doha, 1 p.m.									
n-March 23, 2023: vs. Grenada, TBA									
n-March 26, 2023: vs. El Savador, TBA									
n-Nations Cup									
q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying									
w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar									

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	20	6	.769	—
Connecticut	17	9	.654	3
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	15	.444	8½
New York	9	17	.346	11
Indiana	5	23	.179	16
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	18	8	.692	—
Seattle	17	9	.654	1
Los Angeles	12	14	.462	6
Dallas	11	14	.440	6½
Phoenix	11	16	.407	7½
Minnesota	10	17	.370	8½
x-Chicago playoff spot				

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Korda on comeback: ‘I’m more chill’



Nelly Korda is just trying to enjoy herself at the Evian Championship after a four-month injury layoff that has given her more perspective about her golf. Not that she felt so great taking a shot while standing barefoot in a slimy lake. “... I must say, it was really gross,” Korda said about her adventure at No. 18 midway through an 7-under 64 that left her a stroke behind first-round leader Ayaka Furue on Thursday in the fourth major of 2022. Korda’s approach shot at the par-5 18th hole — her ninth of the day after starting at No. 10 — ended up rolling down a bank on the front right of the green and into the water. Korda removed her golf shoes, waded into the lake and splashed the ball out to the edge of the green. She made par and shot her lowest round of the year, continuing her comeback after time out following surgery on a blood clot in her arm. This is her fifth event since returning June 16 and she has three top-10s in that time. She was No. 1 in the world when she stopped playing and now is No. 3. “I think I’m more chill about it all,” she said. “I’m trying to enjoy myself as much as possible.”

Smart’s new contract worth \$112.5M



Georgia’s Kirby Smart agreed to a contract extension through the 2031 season, a 10-year agreement worth \$112.5 million that makes him the latest coach to land the type of megadeal that is becoming increasingly common in college football. The expected deal was announced Thursday. Coming off a national championship season, Smart will be paid \$10.25 million this season in base salary and supplemental compensation. He will receive raises each season, which lead to total compensation of \$12.25 million in 2031. Smart joins Alabama’s Nick Saban, Ohio State’s Ryan Day, LSU’s Brian Kelly, Michigan State’s Mel Tucker and Texas A&M’s Jimbo Fisher as college football coaches who will make at least \$9 million in 2022. The extension comes after Smart led the Bulldogs to Georgia’s first national championship since 1980. The 46-year-old Smart, a former defensive back for the Bulldogs, is 66-15 in six years at Georgia. The Bulldogs have finished first in the SEC East four times and have won six bowl games during his tenure.

German soccer great Seeler dies at 85



Uwe Seeler, who led West Germany to the 1966 World Cup final as captain of the national team, died Thursday. He was 85. Regarded as one of Germany’s best-ever players, Seeler was famous for his overhead kicks and ability to score goals from the unlikeliest of angles. He was also known for his humility and fairness, and respected for his never wavering loyalty to hometown club Hamburger SV. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Twitter that the country was mourning the passing of “our Uwe.” Seeler played for Hamburg from 1952-73, scoring 445 goals in 519 Oberliga and Bundesliga appearances for the team. He remains Hamburg’s record scorer in the Bundesliga with 137 goals. The club said he scored 507 goals in 587 competitive games for the club altogether. Seeler scored 43 goals in 72 games for West Germany, finishing runner-up to England at the 1966 World Cup and with a third-place medal four years later in Mexico. Seeler was voted German soccer player of the year in 1960, 1964 and 1970. Brazil great Pele included Seeler in his list of the world’s greatest living players in 2004. —AP



A fan watches from the upper deck at RingCentral Coliseum during an A’s game Thursday in Oakland, California. JEFF CHIU/AP

BASEBALL

Plenty of seats available

MLB attendance still short of pre-pandemic levels

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Blame it on lingering effects of the pandemic, resentment over the lockout or economic fears. Major League Baseball is struggling to fill the stands at pre-COVID levels as the sport heads into the last 2 ½ months of its first season since 2019 without capacity restrictions. MLB reached the All-Star break with an average attendance of 26,409. That represents a drop of 5.4% from the All-Star break of 2019 — which was 10 days earlier than this year. League officials remain encouraged and point to the recovery. “We have come back to between 94-95% of where we were prior to the pandemic,” MLB chief revenue officer Noah Garden said. “So we feel really good about the progress we have made on the attendance side rebounding strongly from a situation that threatened the very core of how we operate.” Attendance is up over 70% from the season-ending average in 2021, when only the Rangers started at full capacity and all 30 teams weren’t at 100% until July 2. MLB played its abbreviated 2020 regular season without spectators. While MLB’s average attendance had fallen each year since 2015, most of the drops were by less than 2%. Average attendance was over 30,000 for 14 straight seasons from 2004-17 but hasn’t reached that mark since. “Attendance has been dropping about 1% a year — year after year — for about the last 15 years,” said Victor Matheson, a Holy Cross economics professor who specializes in sports economics. “Major League Baseball attendance peaked in 2007 and has been falling pretty consistently year after year for over a decade. What we’d just normally expect after about three years is about 3% lower attendance.”

Bob Heaning, a 48-year-old fan from Cranford, New Jersey, said he used to attend about a dozen Yankees games per year. He’s attended just three this season, has tickets for two more games and doesn’t plan to attend any others. Heaning said he stopped going as often because he bought a house last year and is staying at home more often, but he also believes the high price of attending games may be keeping fans away. That could prove particularly true this year as inflation causes more people to spend more carefully. “I think people are maybe more concerned,” Heaning said. “There’s not as much expendable income.” Matheson said MLB relies more than other professional sports leagues on out-of-town fans. That makes MLB particularly vulnerable to issues that could curtail tourism. “If travel’s disrupted, either by expensive gas prices or expensive airline tickets or just general travel disruptions, that could make a big dent,” Matheson said. Charles Lindsey, an associate professor of marketing at the University at Buffalo School of Management, noted that single-game ticket sales remain solid but season ticket sales have gone down. He said the NBA faced a similar problem this season. Lindsey cited inflation as a leading cause and said the pandemic may have contributed to a lesser extent. “But those are factors that are common across all sorts of recreational experiences,” Lindsey said. “And a lot of recreational entertainment — dining out, travel — a lot of those areas are back to pre-pandemic levels.” Lindsey believes dissatisfaction because of the lockout may have caused some fans not to renew their season tickets. He also speculated some franchises might have reduced their staffs during the pandemic and paid for it with reduced ticket sales. Teams have been particularly hard hit in group sales. Rick Schlesinger, the Brewers’ president of business operations, said last month at a Milwaukee Press Club gath-

ering that the team’s group-ticket sales normally total about 600,000 annually. Schlesinger estimated that total would be about 400,000 this season. He noted some businesses are still working remotely and therefore are having fewer group outings, and that not as many schools as usual have made ballpark trips. “The group business has not returned to anywhere near normal levels, frankly not surprisingly,” Schlesinger said. The Athletics’ attendance has plunged nearly 55% from its 2019 All-Star break level. The A’s dramatically cut payroll amid concerns about the franchise’s future in the Bay Area as they seek a new stadium. Other teams whose attendance has dropped at least 15% from where they were at the 2019 break include the Diamondbacks (26.7%), Pirates (20.8%), Nationals (19.7%), Phillies (17.9%), Reds (17.8%), Guardians (16.3%), Angels (15.1%) and Royals (15.1%). The only teams with attendance increases from their 2019 break averages are the Blue Jays (48.5%), Padres (29.4%), Marlins (23.3%), Braves (19.1%), Mariners (12.7%), White Sox (9.5%), Tigers (6.9%) and Mets (4.8%). This year’s 99-day lockout wasn’t settled until March 10, resulting in a revised schedule. “That absolutely affected the cadence of our ticket sales, both our single-game tickets and our groups,” Schlesinger said. “We were trying to sell group tickets in an environment where I couldn’t tell you exactly when our season was going to start or what our home schedule was going to look like.” That’s one hurdle teams won’t face in the upcoming offseason, giving MLB reason for optimism. “If you would have told me in 2020 that we would be 95% back to 2019 levels in two years, I would have taken that deal 100 out of 100 times,” Garden said.

AP writer Ronald Blum contributed to this report.

At ESPYs, Griner in the spotlight

By Beth Harris | Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Soccer player Megan Rapinoe admonished her fellow athletes for not doing enough to speak out and encouraged them to support detained WNBA star Brittney Griner at The ESPY Awards on Wednesday night. Griner was arrested in Russia in February after customs officials said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage. She faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on charges of transporting drugs. “For me, the most striking thing is that BG’s not here. BG deserves to be free, she’s being held as a political prisoner, obviously,” Rapinoe said while accepting a trophy for best play at the show honoring the last year’s top athletes and moments in sports. “Like what are we doing here dressed up like we are when our sister is detained abroad? We haven’t done enough, none of us. We can do more, we can support her more, and just let her know that we love her so much.” “First, bring BG home. Gotta do that,” tennis great Billie Jean King said. Griner has pleaded guilty in court and acknowledged possessing the canisters but said she had no criminal intent. Rapinoe urged her fellow competitors to keep Griner’s face and name on social media. “Every time we say it in interviews, it puts pressure on everybody,” she said. “It puts pressure on the administration, it puts pressure on Russia, it puts pressure on Putin, it puts pressure on everyone, and it lets BG know also above everything that we love her and that we miss her and that we’re thinking about her all the time.” NBA Finals MVP Stephen Curry hosted the show and joined WNBA players Nneka Ogwumike and Skylar Diggins-Smith in calling attention to Griner’s plight. “It’s been 153 nights now that BG has been wrongfully detained thousands of miles away from home, away from her family, away from her friends, away from her team,” Diggins-Smith said. “All throughout that time, we’ve kept her in our thoughts and in our hearts even though we know that ain’t nearly enough to bring her home, y’all.” Wearing her Mercury jersey under his track suit, Curry noted the effort being made to free Griner. “But as we hope for the best, we urge the entire global sports community to continue to stay energized on her behalf,” he said. “She’s one of us, the team of athletes in this room tonight and all over the world. A team that has nothing to do with politics or global conflict.” They were applauded by Griner’s wife, Cherelle Griner, who was in the audience at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. Curry picked up a trophy, too, for best record-breaking performance, having set the mark for most 3-pointers made in league history. He also shared the best team award with the NBA champion Warriors. Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani won best athlete in men’s sports. “It’s an honor to be in the same category as all of you. You are the best at what you do,” the Japanese player said, speaking in English via videotape. “Have a wonderful everything and enjoy your afterparties.” Olympic swimming champion Katie Ledecky won best athlete in women’s sports. Ledecky earned two golds and two silvers at the Tokyo Games last year, giving her 10 career Olympic medals. She received her trophy from Maybelle Blair, the 95-year-old who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. “I represent one of the few sports that is also a really important life skill, so I want to encourage all the parents here, anyone watching, to make sure your kids learn how to swim,” Ledecky said. “Our planet is 70% water, so it’s very important.” Former heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko was honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, having impacted the world beyond sports. Klitschko, mayor of embattled Kyiv, Ukraine, since 2014, wasn’t present. He appeared in a pre-taped video. Kingled off a tribute to the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the federal legislation that prohibits sex-based discrimination in schools that receive government funding. She was joined by Lisa Leslie, Brandi Chastain, Chloe Kim, Allyson Felix, Aly Raisman and Rapinoe, among others. They spoke against a background of black-and-white photos showing women athletes in action, on the field or in the streets advocating for gender equality. Their comments were interspersed with country singer Mickey Guyton performing her songs “What Are You Gonna Tell Her?” and “Remember Her Name.” ESPN college basketball broadcaster Dick Vitale received the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance. The 83-year-old has undergone multiple melanoma surgeries and six months of chemotherapy for lymphoma over the last year. In March, he said he was cancer free. Vitale dismissed messages on the teleprompter urging him to conclude his remarks, which stretched to 20 minutes. “I’m gonna wrap up in about three minutes,” he said in a raspy voice. “Jimmy’s dream was to beat cancer. “We must do it because it doesn’t discriminate. It comes after all.”

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OBITUARIES

Clarke, Patricia

Patricia Clark, 69, of Somers Connecticut, died on February 4, 2022 at Evergreen Health Center in Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Born on May 20, 1952 in Portadown, Northern Ireland. Ms. Clarke was 3 months old when she accompanied her mother to the US to unite with her father who was serving in the US Army. She graduated from Somers High School and the University of Connecticut, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. Her expertise was in the Blood Bank. Patricia was exceptionally skilled at crafts and showed kindness for animals of all sizes. Ms. Clarke is predeceased by her parents, Robert James and Phyllis (Magill) Clarke and is survived by siblings Sandra Clarke Pacchia, Robert James Clarke and Barbara Clarke Moser and nieces and nephews A. Lee Pacchia, Thomas Pacchia, Kelly Clarke Harrington, Samuel Clarke Moser, Gabrielle Benson Clarke, and Isabelle Benson Clarke. 'For I am with you.'

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Eddy, Esther M.



Esther M. Eddy, 98, a longtime resident of Newington, CT, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2022. She was Professor Emeritus at Greater Hartford Community College, Instructor at Teachers College of CT, owner and director of the Red Rock Nursery School, and a real estate broker. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank V. Eddy for 53 years.

When her husband died, she continued the ownership and management of the Century 21 Eddy Real Estate business. She was the daughter of Eugene and Onorina Mangone. She was a graduate of what is now Central CT State University, Columbia University, the University of CT, and the G.R.I. Program. At CCSU, she was an instructor in the Supervision of Student Teachers and programs in Elementary Education. At Greater Hartford Community College, she set up the College Reading Program, the Reading Lab and the Learning Center. In addition, she created, wrote, then implemented and directed the ASTRA Program, a federally funded program designed to assist the high risk student. Over the years, she was very involved not only in her home and family, in education, in the real estate business, but also, in community, civic and church activities. In the Kiwanis Club, she was the organization's first woman president. Here she was active in the Kiwanis Key Club at Newington High School. For the Town of Newington, she was the chairperson of the Newington American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in 1976. This Bicentennial was widely celebrated throughout the country. The United States President Richard Nixon and the Nation were strongly publicizing the history of our nation. During this Bicentennial year, the commission planned 107 celebrations for the Town of Newington. As a lasting memorial, her commission, through the establishment of the Newington Historical Trust, was instrumental in acquiring the Kellogg Eddy House to become the Newington Historical Museum. On July 4, 1976, Newington was aglow with activities galore. For people of Newington, Newington was the place in which to celebrate. The opening of the museum was quite a celebration. Nationally and locally the bells were ringing. The Women's Club members, garbed in colonial costumes, hosted the various rooms of the museum. Citizens were gathering on the lawn. Dignitaries Mary Joseph Doyle, Roger Eddy, Robert Lienhard, and Esther Eddy were giving their speeches and circulated amongst the crowd. Children were playing their many games. And a great big birthday cake was celebrated, cut and distributed. Punch was served. Newingtonites were waiting on the Town green for the hot air balloon to arrive. This was a great big day of celebration for the town and for the country. In 1987, Esther served as chairperson of the Newington Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Committee. This committee, as a lasting memorial, effected the designation of the Town Center as Constitution Square. For this celebration, gingko trees and cherry trees were planted to celebrate the Bicentennial of the American Presidency (from George Washington to George Bush). Serving on the Town Parks and Recreation Commission, she was the liaison to the Town's Museum. Esther had been very active in her church. This was the time when women Deacons were first elevated to be on an equal status with the men. The women Deaconesses were finally permitted to meet with the men Deacons as one body. Women were now elevated to serve as Trustees of the Church. For the first time, women were also elevated to serve communion. She wrote the first Handbook for the Diaconate. She served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. She also served on the Christian Education Committee. When her children Joshua and Norah were enrolled in school, she became active in the schools' PTA, serving as president. She and her family spent many summers traveling. She is survived by her son, Rev. Joshua Eddy and his wife Glenda, grandson, Joshua Caleb Eddy and his wife Amanda; her great grandsons Harrison and Mark; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Norah Eddy, her five sisters, Caroline Avignone, Enis Gaioni, Lillian Battisto, Ruth Gallo and Violet Motola; her sisters-in-law Stella Eddy and Dorothy Carey and her brothers-in-law, Dr. Jack Battisto, Manny Motola, Guido Gallo, Frank Avignone and Dom Gaioni. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Frank V. Eddy and Esther M. Eddy Ministry Fund at the Church of Christ Congregational, 1075 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 or the Newington Historical Museum Director Fund at the Kellogg Eddy House, 679 Willard Ave., Newington, CT 06111. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, July 25th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 26th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Christ, Congregational. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Center Cemetery, Newington. To share a memory, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Dominello, Nancy (Lynch)



Nancy (Lynch) Dominello RN, of Southington, beloved wife of Salvatore J. Dominello, passed away peacefully, on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Though her will and mind never succumbed, her body lost the battle to cancer. She was very thankful for all of the healthcare professionals who helped her through her illness. Nancy was born in New Milford, CT on October 31, 1959 and was the daughter of the late Robert and Anna (Strelez) Lynch. Nancy was a caring registered nurse for over 30 years, until last year when she retired to focus on her illness. In her free time, Nancy loved to cook, bake Christmas cookies, read, do puzzles, plant flowers and cruise backroads of CT with the top down in their BMW Z4 discovering new local vineyards. Her greatest pleasure however was going to the shore where she hoped to someday retire and "live on the water." Nancy fought hard right to the very end and never wavered on being the "strong one" of the family. Besides her husband, Nancy is survived by her two sons, Daniel G. Dominello, his wife Chelsea O'Connor of West Hartford, and her soon to be grandson due to join the family next month and Douglas R. Dominello of Southington. Nancy is also survived by her three sisters, Karen Fumal and her husband John of New Milford, Kathleen Chapman and her husband Michael of Watertown and Maureen Shively and her husband Rick of Golden, CO and many nieces and nephews. All services for Nancy will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Lung Association of CT, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108-3272. To leave an online condolence for her family, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com. The DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington, CT 06489 is honored to be assisting Nancy's family with her arrangements.

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Gresko, Joseph V.



Joseph Vincent Gresko, II, a proud Marine Veteran, passed peacefully at his home in Stowe Vermont on July, 2022. Born August 11, 1939 in New Britain, CT, Joe was the son of Mary (Gimma) Gresko and Joseph Gresko, Sr. As a child growing up in a humble household; Joe gravitated to sports and athletics. After graduating from the University of Hartford, he joined the American Football League where he competed as an offensive lineman and later as an AFL coach. Coaching was a natural endeavor for him and something he returned to in coaching his sons ice hockey teams with great success in Central and Southern CT. To support his family, Joe worked as a Credit Manager for numerous companies such as City Fish Market, US Foodservice and General Motors. Before retiring, he rose to the title of Corporate Vice President of Credit & Collections at City Line Distributors something he was very proud of. At work, as well as at home, Joe was admired for being firm but also fair. He valued hard work, respect and education among all things and made sure all of his children pursued their dreams with a college education. After the death of his beloved wife Michele, Joe spent his last years in Stowe Vermont, a special place for him and his family throughout his life.

Joe is predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Michele Faye Gresko. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Gresko, his son Joseph and daughter-in law Andrea Gresko and his son Gabriel and daughter-in-law Samantha Gresko. He also leaves his sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Richard Gidman, his nieces Beth and Laura Gidman and his nephew John Gidman. Affectionately referred to as "Dzedo", he is also survived by his 8 grandchildren, Emily, Audrey, Michele, Josephine, George, Chase, Natalie and Katherine. Joe was a loving husband, remarkable father, proud grandfather and loyal friend. A service honoring Joe Gresko will be held privately with family. Online condolences are welcomed at: northernvermontfuneralservice.com

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Martino, Ronald



Ronald "Ron" Martino 87, beloved husband of 62 years to Alberta Martino, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Born in New Britain, he was the only child of the late Anthony and Frances Martino.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Education from CCSC and his Master's at the University of Hartford and his 6th year certificate at UCONN. He spent the majority of his career in education serving the Old Lyme school system as principal of Mile Creek Elementary School for 25 years. In addition, he was an accomplished musician and led a 5 piece dance band that played throughout CT in the late 1950's and early 60's. His passion for music continued throughout his life, having played percussion in the Old Lyme Town Band, and in his retirement played piano at the Flood Tide Inn in Mystic.

When he and his wife eventually moved to Evergreen Woods he continued to play piano at many resident social events. Ron and Alberta raised their family in Old Lyme, and enjoyed living on the shoreline, taking advantage of the beaches and Long Island Sound. Ron and Alberta had a wide circle of friends with whom they socialized over dinner parties, boating, and ski trips. Ron was an avid fisherman and boater. On many Saturdays in the early hours of the morning he could be found on the waters, many of those days with his best friend Larry Kelliher chasing whatever fish wanted to jump onto their hooks.

In retirement, he and Alberta moved to Naples, Florida where they were snowbirds for 10 plus years. They moved from Old Lyme to Niantic in 2003, and moved to Evergreen Wood last year to be closer to his children. He was a loving, kind and devoted husband and father.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Christine Carey and her husband Michael of Westport and Laura Martino and her spouse Elizabeth Ingalls of Guilford and many dear friends. He was predeceased by his cousin Joe Martino who was like a brother to him.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 3 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 AM in Christ The King Church, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme.

Gifts in his memory can be made to the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, P.O. Box 589, Old Lyme CT 06371 or online at LSBY.org.

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Mangeri, Evelyn C. (Couture)

Evelyn J. (Couture) Mangeri, 98, of Enfield, entered into eternal life, on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in the comfort of her home with loved ones at her side. She was the beloved wife of 62 years to the late John J. Mangeri. Born on Dec. 8, 1923 in Nashua, NH to the late Nelson and Blanche (Salvail) Couture. She had resided in Enfield for over 60 years. Evelyn worked for former Wright Paterson AFB as a Medical Lab Technician and was also the owner of the former Enfield Yarn Shoppe. A loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother her life revolved around caring for her family and home, she enjoyed time spent with family and friends especially during special events and holidays. Evelyn is survived by her three beloved children; Deborah Hazen, Steven Mangeri and Sandra Mangeri all of Enfield, five loving grandchildren; Melissa Hazen, John, Lauren, Joseph, and Kate Mangeri, and 4 cherished great-grandchildren. Besides her parents, and husband, she was predeceased by a son Michael Mangeri, and two brothers Romeo and Normand Couture. Funeral services for Evelyn will be private at the convenience of her family. Interment will be in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans), P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapel.com.

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Martin, Douglas P.

Douglas P. Martin, 57, of Lacey, WA, died unexpectedly on Friday, July 8th, after a brief illness.

He was born in Manchester on July 2nd 1965, son of Albert R. Martin and Norma A. Martin. He graduated from Manchester High School in 1983. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech, and received his Master's degree from Yale.

He is survived by his wife Laurie Hughes; his mother Norma A. Martin; his brother Albert F. Martin; his sister and brother-in-law Vicki & Kelly McSweeney; his uncle and aunts Larry Dupont, Georgetta Campbell, Beverly Sunderland, Denise Mozzer, and Lynn Dupont; his nephew and nieces Ryan McSweeney, Kaitlyn Rivera, Amber, Courtney, and Brittany Martin; and his grand-nieces Nora and Ellery Mayhew.

He is predeceased by his father Albert R. Martin.

His burial will be private.

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Tonucci, Vincent J.



Vincent J. Tonucci, age 72, former Connecticut 104th District State Representative, entered into eternal rest on July 19, 2022, at Griffin Hospital in Derby, with his caring family by his side. He was the loving and devoted husband of Cynthia (Cartenuto) Tonucci. Vinnie was born in Derby on March 2, 1950, son of the late

Joseph P. and Burina Cammarata Tonucci. A resident of Derby, Vinnie worked as a real estate broker at Vin Tonucci Real Estate. He was a graduate of Shelton High School, class of 1968 and received his Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of Bridgeport. Before real estate, Vinnie began his career as a music teacher at Amity Junior High School in Bethany. He was the founder, lead singer and guitarist of the band "The Velvatoness", playing at many weddings and other special events. Vinnie was elected as State Representative of the 104th District and very proudly served the people of Derby and Ansonia from 1986-2005. He was especially proud of sponsoring the bills "Call Before You Dig" and the Family Medical Leave Act, among many other bills that were enacted into law. Vinnie was very active over the years in many Valley clubs. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Valley Lodge, the Adriatic Marchegian Club, Central Subalpi Club, Derby Elks Club and Moose Club. Vinnie was an auxiliary member of the Catholic War Vets in Derby where he enjoyed volunteering. He was a Justice of the Peace and past member of the Derby Board of Alderman. In his earlier years, Vinnie practiced Taekwondo and taught private guitar lessons. He loved cooking, trading recipes and sharing delicious meals with family and friends. He graciously hosted parties and numerous political fundraisers at his home in Derby. Vinnie loved spending time with his wife, family and beloved Florida friends at his condo in Naples, FL. Most of all, Vinnie adored spending quality time with his two granddaughters, who were the light of his life. Vinnie will be lovingly missed by all. In addition to his wife Cindy, Vinnie leaves to cherish his memory, two loving daughters, Cara C. Tonucci of Shelton and Christa C. Tonucci of Derby, a sister Rosemarie Garceau (Jean-Paul) of Shelton, precious granddaughters, Teagan Rose and Alice Clare Keefe, a nephew, Paul Garceau of TX, a niece, Jennifer Dame (Jon) of New Hampshire, a great-nephew, Milo Garceau of TX, special Godson, Kevin P. Sharkey of Derby, an aunt, Michaelena Sampieri of Ansonia, cousin and "brother" Ron DeGregoria of Ansonia, several other cousins whom he loved dearly, two cherished friends, former Senator Gary Hale and former Representative Jack Betkoski, with whom he served in the legislature, and many other special friends. He was everyone's "cousin Vinnie." He was predeceased by his in-laws, Pat and Clarice Cartenuto. The family would like to thank Dr. Fred Browne and all the nurses and staff on one and two North for the exceptional care given to Vin during his eleven days at Griffin Hospital. Relatives and friends may greet the family and pay their respects on Sunday July 24, 2022, from 2:00-6:00 pm in the chapel of SPINELLI-RICCIUTI/BEDNAR-OSIECKI FUNERAL HOME, 62 Beaver Street in Ansonia. On Monday, all are invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial, meeting directly, at 10:00 am at St Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth Street in Derby. Interment will immediately follow in Mount Saint Peter Cemetery in Derby. Contributions in Vinnie's name may be made directly to <https://www.lustgarten.org/>, an organization that funds pancreatic cancer research. To sign Vinnie's guestbook or share a memory, please visit, www.spinelliricciutifh.com.

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Persano, James W.



James W. Persano, 61, loving son, father, brother, husband and grandfather entered into eternal rest Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 at Evergreen Healthcare in Stafford. The son of Robert Persano and Gertrude (Stolarz) Persano, James was born in Springfield, MA, raised in Windsor Locks, and had been a resident of the Somers community for the past 31 years. James graduated from Bryant University and went on to complete his Master's at the University of Hartford. He ran a private CPA practice for 15 years, was the Chairman of the Board of Finance for 27 years, and was an active member of his local Knights of Columbus Council. James loved spending time with his family in Cape Cod, riding horses and bringing friends and family together. He was infamous for his culinary prowess, spontaneous polka parties, and his ability to make everyone laugh. James was predeceased by his high school sweetheart and loving wife, Laury (Quinlivan) Persano and father, Robert Persano. He leaves behind his mother, Gertrude Persano; sister, Susan Haight and her husband Donald Haight; his three daughters, Carly Persano, Audry Persano, Emily Galloway, son-in-law, JT Galloway and his three grandchildren, James, Weston, and Quinlivan Galloway; cousins, nieces, nephew, and many friends, especially Mark and Anet DiLorenzo. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, July 24th at Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main St., Somers, from 4PM-7PM. The funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 25th, at Saint Michael's Church in East Longmeadow, MA at 12:30PM (Please meet at Church). Burial will follow the Mass to his final resting place with his wife at the Ellington Center Cemetery. Donations in James' memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To leave online condolences, please visit www.Somersfuneralhome.com

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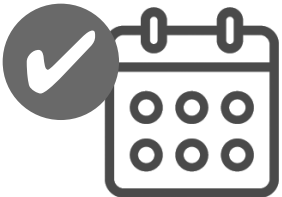


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